

**CUNY Student Leaders Angry With Board Of Trustees** 

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### By G. Arthur Rosquist

**College Voice Staff Writer** 

A great deal of controversy was uncovered at the first meeting for the Spring '91 semester of the CUNY Board of Trustees (BOT) held at their headquarters at 535 East 80th Street, Manhattan on Monday Jan. 28.

The University Student Senate (USS), which is comprised of elected student representatives from each of the twenty colleges in the City University of New York (CUNY), and many of the student leaders of the various student governments of these individual colleges, have had an on-going feud with Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds and the CUNY Board of Trustees that intensified in December of 1990 because of the tuition increase. Until then, there had been a quiet resentment by USS representatives over being deprived of their rights in the selection process for a new Chancellor last summer, and the controversy over Reynold's background that later developed.

At the Jan. 28 meeting, USS Chairman and student member of BOT, Jean C. LaMarra (Brooklyn College) sharply criticized the board, characterizing it as being "too political." He said, "This board has become so caught up in politics and political deals for their political allies that it has become difficult for the board to reach the goals of the University. One of the important goal is the quality of life in the college community. One of the primary purposes of this board is to talk of this quality of life." Yet, when it came to a critical issue in that regard, talking about the quality of life was not something this board was willing to do before the public, I am referring to the incident on Dec. 6 that denied the public the right to speak and be heard on that issue.

On Dec. 6, the BOT passed a resolution to propose to the New York State Legislature that a \$200.00 increase of tuition for all resident students of CUNY be passed into law starting Spring '91. The controversy is not only the issue of this increase in tuition, but, the manner in which the board acted and various incidents that took place to actively prevent the USS, representing all the students of CUNY, their right to assemble and to discuss this matter, or to act on behalf of their constituents.

The USS also complains that it was denied due and meaningful notice of a BOT committee meeting



**Voice Photo/Richard Formica** Chancelor Reynolds is given Pres. E Volpe's personalized tour of the Sunnyside campus

held on Dec. 4. It was at this meeting that the resolution to increase tuition was first formulated. Since the USS was not told that any tuition matter was on the agenda, its 14th Amendment rights, and those of the entire CUNY student body, were violated by the Chancellor and the BOT. That meeting was unlawful and all actions taken are thus unlawful. The USS also believes that since this increase was not enacted until after many students had registered, it is an unconstitutional expost facto law.

LaMarre advised representatives of the USS, at an emergent gathering held at the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) in the early evening of Dec. 5, "I was deceived about the substance of that meeting. I sent a graduate delegate

named Jonathan Peters to attend and report back on what I thought was to be a routine meeting, he said. Later, not only did I find out the real purpose of that meeting, but, further that Peters had voted against the students' opposition of any tuition increases. If that were not bad enough I further discovered that Peters is an adjunct at CSI." Several of the student leaders complained that this was a serious conflict of interest.

A regular meeting was scheduled by representatives of the USS for that night at their headquarters. Student representatives from several CUNY colleges attended. Among them were Senators Dara DiBartolo, Michael Shadrick, Kamel Wazne and George A. Rosquist from CSI. Several of the student leaders, including Vice-Chairs Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Mary Ellen Passantino, who happened to be disabled students, were refused admittance by Chancellor Reynolds to prevent the Senate from establishing the necessary quorum to hold an official meeting.

In response to this, the student leaders already inside called and held an ad hoc committee meeting. For several tense hours, until about 4:30 a.m., CUNY Deans Corbbie and Jefferson continually interrupted the committee to deliver Reynolds' demands that they leave the building.

These circumstances prompted the USS to initiate several courses of action. At a later meeting of the full USS Senate, the Committee's recommendation to file a law suit against the Chancellor and the BOT and to obtain an injunction was overwhelmingly adopted. The only other vote was an abstention. This suit is now pending in the courts. The USS also adopted, with the same vote record, two resolutions condemning the actions of both the Chancellor and the BOT and resolving to demand their resignations. A third resolution was adopted when student USS leader, Carol Bullard, (also the **Evening Student Government President from Hunter** College), was physically attacked by a CUNY employee upon lawfully trying to enter the USS offices.

Subsequent attempts to hinder and harass USS representatives from holding other meetings prompted a suggestion that the USS must seek other premises to house its offices and hold its meetings which would incur additional operating expenses. A CSI representative pointed out that the First Amendment guarantees the freedoms of as-Tuition continue on page 4

# War In The Middle East, The Liberation is Underway

By Regina M. Fleming

As the US entered another war, the bombs began to fall in the Persian Gulf. Operation Desert Shield has become Operation Desert Storm, and this operation brought bombs, rockets, and missiles to many military targets in Baghdad and other locations in Kuwait and Iraq.

The first official word that came from the White House was "The liberation of Kuwait has begun. In conjunction with the forces of our coalition partners, the United States has moved under the code name Operation

Desert Storm to enforce the mandates of the United Nations Security Council. As of 7 o'clock p.m. EST Operation Desert Storm forces were engaging targets in Iraq and Kuwait."

After hearing that word, everyone just sat back and hoped our men and women would bring home a quick victory!

Wave after wave of bombers thundered over Baghdad as the United States and its allies in the Persian Gulf took aim at Saddam Hussein's capital city and air bases. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen-

eral Colin Powell said that the Iraqi command and control centers were prime targets of the first wave and that the target is not Hussein. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said "Our focus is on the destruction of Saddam Hussein's military capability, the very capability he used to seize control of Kuwait."

Bombs fell in the center of Baghdad, which left explosions that "shook the earth." Many thick clouds of black smoke rose from Baghdad. First the lights started to flicker, then they went black. The sky was illuminated by the flashes of anti-aircraft missiles. The radio in Baghdad was silenced by this attack.

After the first bombing run, there

was joy on the homefront because reports said that all U.S. fighters made it back safely. Photos taken after the bombing showed devastation to the targets that were discovered. All of this started at about 4:50 p.m. ESTwhich is fifty minutes after midnight in Iraq-with the blasts of F-15 attack bombers taking off from a Saudi air base.

The attack was the culmination of a multinational campaign against Iraq, which began back on Aug. 6, just four days after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, 48 hours after the United Nations laid out an ultimatum, one week after Secretary of State James Baker faced Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Geneva, and only 19 hours after the United Nations deadline passed. War Continued on page 5

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# **One Government, Two Wars**

Of the many issues which should concern all those enrolled here at CSI, the Gulf War and tuition hikes stand above the rest.

As the young adults of America's military wage war in the sands of the Middle East, the CUNY board of trustees declare economic war on the students of the City University. And yes, war is always destructive.

Though the major media, networks, dailys and weeklys, print Pentagon boxscores, we cannot help but reflect on the possible destruction inflicted by weeks of continuous bombing. If we tally the weeks of undisrupted sorties flown over Iraq, a country of 17 million people, we must anticipate an incredible and unnecessary, loss of innocent lives.

Likewise, as the CUNY board of trustees attempts to justify its decisions to raise our tuition, we must recognize the possible consequences. We must realize that tuition hikes will make a college education demonstrably unattainable. Faculty will be cut and classes will be closed, not to mention the rising costs of what was once a free education. We must anticipate an incredible loss of education.

Coincidentally, the war here at home and the war

with Iraq are inseparable. The military, at war in the Middle East, was purchased by Reaganomics. The cuts in social expenditures, which have since affected tuition hikes, were instituted by the Reagan Administration.

Though our Federal Government has billions of dollars available to fight a war for oil monger Monarchs in the Middle East, they cannot find monies to provide affordable education. If our Federal Government can spend billions of dollars to return to power the Emir of Kuwait, can it not spend but a few million to avert the rising costs of a college education? is the future of Democracy better secured by Patriot missiles or literate peoples?

Further, we have to acknowledge those most affected by America's economy, the lower-classes. As our government cuts back on social spending to expand our military, the lower-classes are hit and hardest.

Consequently, the lower-classes search out extra monies in the same military which took their monies. It might seem to some that our Federal Government has appropriated a cheap, dependent armed force for itself through social cut-backs.

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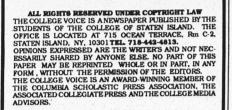
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# LETTERS Harp Provokes Another Reader

### To The Editor

I, as patriotic Liberatarian, find Brian Harp's rants extremely irrating. He incessantantly portrays a Pro-America outlook that is reactionary, jingoistic, and badly written, as the sole alternative to the degeneracy of the Left.

Yet he is safe from argument concerning specific points-they are beneath the threshold of rational discussion. An example: In his first diatribe, he exhorts his readership on the evils of political apathy, while his second jeremiad is an ad homonym screed against the only visible politically- active group on campus! He dismisses this fledgling antiwar movement as being "ignorant", while not discussing foreign policy in a SINGLE sentence. Harp is content to display his knowledge using personal attacks against Democratic politicians, many of whom aren't even against Desert Storm!

But an even bigger contradiction looms nestled between two recurring themes borne out by his tirades (I will understand reader skepticism here): Promotion of the Republican Party, and beration of the apathetics that make their hegemony possible. (Remember 25 % of the registered voters elected President Bush!) Apathetics who, after the Great Savings and Loan heist (involving the President's son and many more), and after an arms-for drugs-for cash world wide conspiracy so tidily titled " Iran-Contra" (as if it all happened in some mythical "over there someplace"!), and after a President who fell asleep in cabinet regularly, who said "I don't remember" more than one hundred times in just one day of that IranContra "hearing", and Made America Strong by increasing the number of citizens on the street and below the povertyline, decreasing real-wages, and reducing America from Earth's largest creditor right down past "Go" to the largest debtor, time and time again hit that lever in the voting booth like mice in a vivisectionists' lab, triggering off a rewarding electric jolt to some cranial pleasure center (a neural area controlling denial, feel-good, greed, nationalism...?)

Now Mr. Harp writes in his second article: "...remember that you should be loyal to your country first, and your political party second." But does he really support America? Does he support the philosophy of free markets and free minds that is truly American, which developed this nation from a third-world colony into a superpower in one hundred years' time. Or does he support the corrupt hybrid of Southern Baptist Bible hysteria and Big Business Oligarchy that is the G.O.P. sacrificing our free markets for excessive taxation, state controls, and "reasonable" or "temporary measures", and yielding our personal freedoms to censorship and criminalization of victimless crimes... (what a disgusting oxymoron!)

Mr. Harp invites us to speak out, and I shall: I accuse Mr. Harp of harboring pernicious and sinister Anti-American sentiment under a false

guise, and I declare him a disgrace to the flag he waved in his December harangue!

Andy Hope

## DEADLINE FOR OUR MAR. 6 ISSUE IS FEB. 13-18

The College Voice invites CSI students, faculty and staff to submitt articles and letters for publication.

The College Voice office is located in Room C-2 Sunnyside. Our phone number is (718) 442-4813.

The submission deadline for our March 6th issue is February 13-18th Deadline for letters to the editor are always one week after publication date. Please include your name and phone number on copy.

To be considered for publication all submitted material must be typed and double spaced.

We Reserve The Right To Edit All Submitted Material. .

## **Annual Big Apple Job Fair**

The third annual CUNY Big Apple Job Fair, a university-wide job fair for 1991 graduates and recent alumni, will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 1991 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the mezzanine at the Penta Hotel (7th Avenue between 32nd and 33rd Streets) in Manhattan.

The fair, presented by the City University Office of Student Affairs and Special Programs and the CUNY Career Counseling and Placement Association, will provide graduating students and recent alumni with access to numerous private and public sector employers recruiting for qualified candidates from all disciplines.

Last year more than 3300 graduates attended the fair and met with representatives from seventy-five companies. Many students subsequently reported that the fair made a significant contribution to their job search process in terms of direct job offers and by providing valuable networking opportunities.

Registration is required for the March 6th fair. Graduating students should register now at their college's Career Services/Placement Office, which will also provide assistance on resume preparation. Recent alumni who wish to attend may register at the fair.

For admission on March 6th, graduating students should present their completed registration cards and current CUNY college ID. Alumni need to present their resumes, indicating the CUNY college attended and the degree and date awarded. All students should bring many copies of their resumes to present to prospective employers.

By Ellen B. Schwimer College Voice Staff Writer

New York State Senate and State As-

Internships Awarded

## **Prof. Responds To Letter**

### To The Editor

In the Dec. 17, 1990 letter, "The Accounting Program Needs To Be Computerized", Mr. Paul Leung emphasizes the need of computer knowledge for accounting and other business students. I fully agree with him that "It will be almost impossible...to become a successful businessperson...if a person does not know how to use computers."

Leung states that no computer courses are available for accounting students except for a basic course. However, Leung overlooked the course I teach, BUS 352-Introduction to System analysis, exploring use of computers in business situations.

Although not exactly the same as Baruch's course, (as mentioned by Leung), BUS 352 teaches students how to change existing manual business operations into computerized ones, including the capture of financial information, as well as other applications of computer in business situations. In order to make the experience as realistic as possible, student teams analyze and design a complete system, developing all inputs, screens, files and reports. they also prepare cost justification and make presentation to "management", as they would in normal business life. The prerequisites for BUS 352 are Accounting 114 and one basic computer course.

Since BUS 352 is not a requirement for any major or concentration and is only offered during evening hours in the fall semesters, not many students are aware of it's availability. However, this course is very useful for both business and computer science students, helping them to enhance their career opportunities. Ideally, this course should be offered each semester, to make it available to more students.

> Prof. Max Gottlieb Business Department

sembly internships have been awarded to three CSI undergraduates for the Spring 1991 semester, according to Daniel Kramer, Professor of Political Science.

Leslie Ortiz, a Political Science major, is the first CSI student to be chosen for a State Senate Internship through this competitive program. Economics major Matthew Woitkowski and Political Science major Jeanene Alessi have been appointed to internships in the State Assembly. Though not publicized, many State Assembly Internships have been awarded to CSI students in the past.

Each student will work through the Spring '91 semester and receive 16 academic credits and a \$4000 stipend.

Applications for summer '91 internships in the NY State Assembly and Washington DC are available from Prof. Kramer, room 1-831, St. George (390-7991).

Students chosen as NY State Assembly interns will work in Albany during the summer, and receive 8 academic credits plus a \$3000 stipend. Students from any major may apply, but applicants must have completed their junior year by June '91. The application deadline is March 15th.

Students in the CUNY Washington Internship program will work all summer for a Congress Member or non-profit organization and receive 8 academic credits plus a stipend of \$2330. To be eligible for this competitive internship, students from any major must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be a junioror a senior. The application deadline is March 4th.

## Summer Research Awards for Undergraduates

The third annual Division of Science and Technology Summer Research Awards Program for undergraduate students majoring in the disciplines of the division has been announced by Richard I. Resch, Dean of Science and Technology.

The purpose of the program is to enhance the educational experience of science and technology students by providing summer stipends, sufficient to substitute for summer employment, so that they may work on research projects with members of the faculty.

Projects should be eight to ten weeks in duration. Faculty will be required, through grants, or corporate or private donations, to provide one-half of the student's stipend. The College will provide the other half. Stipends are \$200 per week.

For the 1991 competition, propos-

als must include the following:

1) A statement from the student, of at most two pages, describing the student's preparation for participation in the research project and the role he or she will play;

2) A statement from the faculty member, of at most two pages, describing the project, its length, and the amount and source of funds for the student's stipend;

3) A current student transcript.

Students interested in participating in the Summer Research Program should be encouraged to speak to the appropriate Department Chairperson of directly to faculty in their disciplines.

Up to four awards on a competitive basis will be available for the summer of 1991. Applications must be received in 1-501 by March 30, 1991.

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Professor Robert Engler Department of Political Science Graduate School, CUNY Will be giving a lecture entitled:

## "The Persian Gulf and the U.S."

### A question and answer period will follow.

CSI respondents will include:

Prof. David Trabo	ulay, Moderator
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# **The University Faculty Senate Report**

### By Sandi Cooper Professor of History

Vice-Chair, University Faculty Senate

Twenty campuses of CUNY are represented in the University-wide body, the University Faculty Senate, which provides the most direct connection between faculty and the Chancellor's office and the Board of Trustees. The chair of the UFS sits on the Board of Trustees and members of the Senate Executive Committee sit, with vote, on Board committees that establish University policy. For most administrators at the Central Office and Trustees, the delegates are the only faculty they ever meet.

The current delegation from CSI includes Lorie Caudle, psychology; Arthur Kaufman, mathematics; Thomas McCarthy, modern languages (for part-time faculty); Mohamed Yousef, mechanical technology and Stamos Zades, student services. The current chair is Robert Picken, romance languages, Queens and I am the current vice-chair.

The Senate plenary meets once a month and usually the Chancellor reports and answers questions. In addition, the Senate sponsors conferences and meetings on issues of faculty-wide interest-articulation (transfer of students between campuses); grading policies; comparative governance practices among campuses; strategies for remediation and developmental courses; the role of science, math, engineering and technology in CUNY's future; teacher education preparation. We take turns lobbying when necessary and we quietly intervene at campuses, when requested, if faculty rights are being violated.

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sembly, speech and press, and that under the Civil Rights Act of 1965 the USS could bring a class action civil suit against the Chancellor and her cohorts, personally, to recover punitive damages and the costs of moving and operating expenses.

The USS then focused on immediate plans of action with regard to the tuition increase. In a desperate attempt to stop it, special lobbying committee consisting of USS Senators Jose Medina (BMCC), William Lineman (Medger Evers College), and George A. Rosquist (CSI) were sent by the USS to Albany on Dec. 11-13 in an effort to head off this tuition legislation. Both Governor Cuomo and the Education Committee of the New York State Legislature were ready when the BOT's tuition increase proposal came before them. In what had to be record time for the Governor and the legislature, the proposal was discussed and negotiated, an additional \$100 was added to the BOT proposal for a total increase of \$300 in tuition for both CUNY and SUNY students, and the bill was passed and then signed by the Governor by Dec.15.

The appointment and election of Chancellor Reynolds last summer has been a sore issue for the USS representatives from the very start. In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* (June 2, 1990), the previous After 13 years in the Senate (11 on the Executive Committee), I think that I can describe a drift in the University which needs correction. On too many campuses, the authoritative voice of faculty in determining policy and direction has eroded dangerously. Tenure and promotions are given to people who have been rejected by personnel committees in their departments. Academic programs have been shaped by faculty appointed to committees by administrators.

Presidents have overstaffed offices with assistants and special assistants, even hiring expensive HEO's this summer while they were ordering academic deans to cut sections. A preliminary study conducted this fall indicated that, proportionate to faculty, administration has grown nearly 2:1 over the past decade.

In the view of the Senate, the most infuriating development occurred about five years ago when something called the "Executive Pay Plan" was introduced. Most faculty do not realize the implications of this arrangement—or, indeed that it exists.

This plan was conceived as a way to attract "high quality, professional" administrators. Up to a few years ago, most administrators were selected from faculty and paid an extra salary, called a "REM" which ranged from \$2,000 to \$6,000 above their professional salary to compensate for the extra time, especially in the summer months. Administrators drawn from the faculty in this fashion—and it is the national fashion—would usually return to teaching and research after a stint in higher echelons. They were normally part of the teaching staff.

The new system discourages such

recycling because it creates a "professional cadre" of administrators who are responsible to campus presidents, who have usually been picked by them and who frequently have little understanding of classroom and research needs-often never having done much of either themselves. Some administrators make \$20,000 to \$30,000 above the older pay scale. Even extraordinary is the fact that last April when the State's budget shortfall was already well known, the executives on the plan received 5% salary increases. Vice Presidents, Administrators and Deans' salaries range from \$76 to \$98 thousand. The salary of presidents, of course, is over six figures plus cars and houses (for senior colleges).

Since this plan has been in effect, CUNY faculty have uniformly begun to complain about the contemptuous manner in which they are treated by this professional staff. The model of corporate America imposed on collegial institutions is absurd.

During last year's budget reductions, the University agreed to cut administration about 10% and asked provosts, deans, vice-presidents, etc. to teach at least one class. However, colleges frequently took the "cut" administrator and paid him/her on the old REM system, even giving some HOE's this added compensation. The savings in administration seem to have been nearly non-existent.

The Chancellor's and University Reports (on file in the library) shows that some administrators were given extra REM's and jumped salary steps this summer—at the very time the university cut about 2,000 classes.

The Senate is concerned about the concentration of power in presidential

hands. As faculty retire in the 1990's administrators are in a unique position to shape the 21 century destiny of our institutions.

Colleges such as CSI which have a governance system based on a Council or Senate that includes students, administration, staff and faculty—and no separate faculty body— have begun to remedy that defect by establishing faculty senates with elected leadership. Both John Jay and Hunter have made these changes and others are on the way.

The "democratic" impulse of a generation ago, to open the governance of institutions to all affected constituencies, produced severely apathetic faculties, who now see that they have no control over the educational direction of their institutions.

UFS has become a resource center aiding campus faculties in legitimate projects to revive their role in colleges increasingly run from above. Decisions about class size, what to cancel and why, what constitutes "low" enrollment must be returned to those competent to make them.

The allocation of the college budget and the process by which the new budget is formulated is another area where the Senate has discovered consistent violations of faculty responsibilities and rights. Too many administrations "forget" to convene advisory committees in the summer.

The Faculty Senate has become a process of holding meetings directly with the Vice-Chancellor for budget and Finance in an effort to shape the asking budget at 80th Street to reflect campus needs of classroom, library and laboratory. It is always disheart-**Report** Continued on page 5

USS Vice-Chair for Senior Colleges, Sean Mason (Baruch College) told of the USS position that the board of trustees violated an agreement to discuss the appointment with this student governing body before making the decision. He said, "We feel it (Reynold's appointment) was done in bad faith. She's not out choice, she's their choice. The board acted peremptorily in naming the chancellor before meeting with us." Mason also said, "We know nothing of the person. All we know is that she was forced to resigned in California, which doesn't put her in a

good light." An angry outcry from faculty members and state legislators in California prompted Reynolds to resign her previous post as Chancellor of the California State University, the second largest university in the nation, on April 20, 1990-about a week before it is reported that she would have been asked to leave. This fury arose over a 21 to 43 percent salary hike for top school officials and a 45 percent increase for herself that was arranged in secret by the university trustees. Other complaints allege that she used university money to pave her own driveway.

USS representatives held a rally on Dec. 13 at which an impressive 2,000 students from various CUNY colleges assembled at the CUNY headquarters at a time when most students were busy with final exams. they marched to Gracy Mansion chanting their slogan, "They say cut backs, we say f— that!" and "Students united will never be defeated."

Various student groups have voiced their outrage over the budget cuts and tuition hikes. Students from Hunter and Lehman Colleges formed a guerrilla theater. They crashed a Christmas party held by top CUNY officials and trustee members at their offices. Dressed in rags and white face, they carried cups and begged the party goers for change for tuition.

Student groups discovered that Chancellor Reynolds was to appear at a formal gathering in Dec. at BMSCC with various prominent CUNY and city officials and big wigs. The students vowed they would not let her on that campus to attend. She did not attend, canceling at the last minute.

At a public hearing held by the BOT at City Hall on Jan. 2, some thirty students from various CUNY colleges appeared on the speakers list. Although the BOT attempted to keep them last on the list of some forty-five in the hopes that the room would empty out at that time would run out, this tactic did not work. Student after student approached the microphone to call the BOT to task. They repeatedly chastised the BOT for "betraying the trust given them and acting irresponsibly to the detriment of the University." Many demanded that the Chancellor and the Board "step down".

A Hunter representative to the USS pointed out that ever since CUNY began to charge tuition in 1976 enrollment suddenly dropped and has never regained those kind of enrollment figures. She said, "Tuition has never served the purpose of what CUNY was established to do, being to provide for an avenue of higher education for as many of the city's and state's citizens as possible."

Chairman LaMarre supported his allegations that the BOT was too motivated towards self-serving politics and ignoring goals of CUNY. He said, "We are now in a war in the Middle East which has serious implications for the male students of CUNY who are prime candidates to be called to go. Forty percent of CUNY students are male. Yet, this board never considered calling a special meeting to discuss the impact and effects this will have on these students or the university. Many of these students do not want to be pressed into fighting someone else's war. Therefore I shall seek for student governments to support free legal council for conscientious objectors.

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Many of us, back here in the U.S., watched the war begin on television, just like the President, and all of Congress. The most reliable coverage was by Cable News Network. The reason for such a reliable source was that three of CNN's newsmen were reported live from the 14th floor of the Al Rishad Hotel, in central Baghdad.

Peter Arnett, John Holliman, and Bernard Shaw gave the hopeful and the curious, not on the scene, eyewitness accounts. At about 6:30 p.m. EST, CNN was reporting on the "surprise" attack. This was a surprise, because the White House did not officially announce this attack until nearly one hour later! While watching the attack on Baghdad, you heard the bombing, the air raid sirens, and the return fire from the Iraqi's.

CNN continued the coverage until about 11:00 a.m. EST Thursday, when they were ordered to stop their live broadcast. Bernard Shaw made this statement that showed a picture all in itself: "I've never been there, but it feels like we're in the center of Hell."

Another reason for this reliability was that many if not all of the other networks either lost their satellite connections or were rushed off the scene to safe places. During this time of blackout from the war, many stations showed tapes of family members who were over on the line. At 9:00 p.m. EST, President Bush went on television and said "Tonight the battle has been joined." He added "When the troops we've sent in finish their work, I'm determined to bring them home as soon as possible."

Bush's words were not on how well the war was going, but on how we here at home should feel about this project. The cameras also showed the different rallies going on all over the world, but a familiar scene was the constant prayer going on among all faiths.

As the clock had ticked down to the deadline, I know that I was scared about what was going to happen when the deadline did come. As college students, we are adults who are very much affected by this decision to attack Iraq and free Kuwait.

When I was asked to write this article, I knew it wasn't going to be an easy task. I have a cousin flying the B-52 bombers, and I have three friends who I grew up with over there fighting. I also have many friends back here who would be affected if Congress was to call a draft.

When I asked a couple of guys I know, I got mixed feelings. Many of the people I spoke to said that this is going to be another Vietnam, but another good portion of them said that if they were asked to fight for their country, they would be happy to do so.

In a poll of 22 people ages 18-22, I got an almost even decision on whether or not they agree with President Bush's attack. I also spoke to a couple of parents of friends of mine. The response I got from them was very different and mixed.

Many of the fathers said that they would be honored if their son was a part of this invasion, IF their son was enlisted, not drafted. A group of the mothers said that we, the United States, had to do something, but they were scared for their sons and their friends.

As for my family, I have a younger brother of 16, so I feel a little relieved, but I also have a boyfriend of 21, and many friends in between those ages. I think that the overall view was that President Bush was right to start the attack, but "not while I'm only 19!"

Presently we, the United States of America, are very powerful, and we have proven that in the past. So why do we have to be the "cop" in the world? That was the question that I got from many of the people I spoke to.

I can just hope that this war is over quickly, and that our men and women over in the Persian Gulf come home safely. I know how it feels to wonder what is really going on over there, and hoping that it is not someone you know who went down in that way. So just keep that head up and smile. You never know when we will all be "safe".

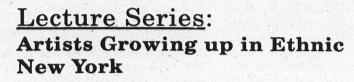
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ening to discover, after such meetings, that a former president has been given \$30-40,000 for office furniture.

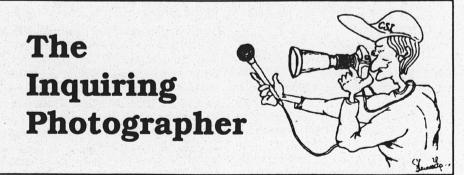
Faculty have begun to protest the numerous contractual arrangements made between presidentially designated staff and overseas institutions. Overseas programs have proliferated. Since 1945, often unattached to older, established universities, sometimes run by American expatriates or foreign nationals. Contracts are signed between CUNY campuses and an overseas institution, either accepting the foreign students with no provision made or giving CUNY credit to foreign students whom we never see nor teach. The implications of these arrangements are enormous.

The Faculty Senate has also struggled to insure that the overhead recoveries from grants won by faculty be returned to campuses in a fair manner from the Research Foundation. What we have been unable to insure is that those who have generated the money, obtain the recovered funds. It is clear that campus presidents use the recoveries for items which the tax-levy budget does not allow.



Guest Speaker Babara Grizzuti-Harrison Dr. Dino Cinel Dr. Feola-Castelucci

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Interviews and Photographs by Belinda Diamond

Should the U.S be involved in the Persain Gulf enforcing the U.N. Resolutions against Iraq?



### Michael Arpaia Major: Computer Science

"I believe we have a definite reason to be in the Persian Gulf. We should eliminate Saddam Hussein."



### Dennis Mattocks Major: Business

"I'm never for war. And I don't believe The United States should be the policemen of the world. It's difficult for me because I was in the military. I have friends over there [Saudi Arabia]. I want them to fight well, and come back. We should really take care of our domestic problems first."



Guy Marasa Major: Electrical Technology

"I think we should be in the Gulf. Somebody has got to help Kuwait. Who else have they got?"



John Dooling Major: Liberal Arts

"I'm for it. We probably should have been there sooner. It's not a war for oil. Iraq invaded Kuwait for their own selfish purposes."



### Oretha Bestman Major: Business Management

"Even though I believe the United States is in the Persian Gulf to keep the peace, I feel we should have left this problem in the hands of the Arabs. We could have given the sanctions against Iraq more time."



Rochelle Calderon Major: Business Administration "I don't feel we should be there. Do we have to be everywhere? Who pays for this? We do."

## **Farewell Chief Lone Wolf**

### By Cliff Hagen College Voice Columnist

Over the past two years *The College Voice* has been improved 300%. The meager, transient staff of 1988, is today an organized presence on both CSI campuses. The 12 page, manually cut and pasted issues of 1988, are today averaging twenty-eight computer produced pages. *The College Voice* of 1988, chock full of press releases, notices to the editor, and that wrathful guy, Kohn, is today a cogent, consistent, and creative newspaper.

All recent improvements at *The College Voice* are due to the energetic recruiting, the hard work, and the everforceful diligence of Richard Formica, and we, the staff, would like to applaud Richard for all he has done.

With an invitation from *The College Voice*Faculty Advisor, Professor Michael Gregory, Richard joined the paper in February 1987. An accomplished photographer, Richard, confident and comfortable, organized *The College Voice* darkroom, photography staff, and was eventually appointed to the specially created Photography/Layout editorship.

Next, Richard tackled news reporting. That is when it came to the attention of the powers that be at *The College Voice* that Richard knows writing too. His byline was soon gracing the front page. He was one of the first staff members to have his own column. There he wrote about his first love - photography.

Displaying an applicable knowledge of all the facets of publishing a newspaper Richard was unanimously elected Associate Editor in the Spring of 1988. The following semester he stepped up to fill the vacated Editor-in-Chief position. Each issue since, Richard has sought to step up the character and content of *The College Voice*. The outcome of his dedication produced back to back first place awards for college journalism from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the years '89 and '90. The first such citations the paper had received since 1981.

The past two years of transition, of change and rapid growth, have been difficult for The College Voice. Even more so for Richard. Many a night were spent alone, or with one or two dedicated staffers, in C-2 editing, cutting and pasting, last minute photo printing and cropping, and handling late insertion orders for ads, Often he could be heard saying, "We must get the student's voice heard, no matter what they are saying." For the past two years, with more hindrance than help, Richard has put together this student paper. CSI has some 13,500 students, and its student paper was a "one man show." That "one man" was Richard Formica.

Recently Richard wrote, "I don't know how far I'm going, but I've come a long way." That pretty much encapsulates his straight ahead philosophy of: "never say it can't be done."

Richard, a well-awarded photographic journalist, a responsible, yet reasonable Editor-in-Chief is too, a helluva guy. He appreciated the capabilities of his staff, and we, the staff, appreciate his professional manner, his criticisms, and his friendship.

Thanks for everything Richard.



Voice Photo / Richard Formica

Former Editor in Chief, Richard Formica, left the College Voice and is now touring with his new group.

# **Gulf War Answers Found In The Pages Of Yesteryear**

#### By Matt Rosenwasser College Voice Staff Writer

Now that Bush has actually done **IT**, the arguments will start and continue on as long as there are people left to argue it. There have been many questions as to the validity of Bush's action's

in the Gulf. Both sides have sought to justify their position of being pro-or anti-war. They could continue to flounder endlessly about 'this could happen' or 'that could happen', but it is all rooted in nothing more than speculation at best, or blind faith at worst. The only place where we can get definitive answers to these pertinent questions is to look into the ol' history books and see what we come up with.

One of the major actions first applied as punishment against Iraq was the economic blockade. Its goal was to make it economically unfeasible for Bhagdad to hold onto Kuwait and therefore pull out.

So, in Bush's address to the American people on the night of the initial attacks, he stated, "Sanctions, though having some effect, showed no signs of accomplishing their objective. Sanctions were tried for well over five months, and we...concluded that sanctions alone would not force Saddam from Kuwait....The United States, together with the United Nations, exhausted every means at our disposal to bring this crisis to a peaceful end."

Now, we hear that sanctions were tried for over five months and did have some effect, but he concluded that they did not hurt Iraq enough in five months time to force him out of Kuwait. But, if Bush had any understanding of international economics or of history, he would have seen the utter stupidity of his statement.

Why? A national economy, like a human, is highly interdependent on others around him or her for survival. But if you cut a human off from food and water, the human will live for awhile, but will eventually die. An economy is the same. When cut off, it will survive for a while, but will eventually collapse. Throughout history there have been numerous examples of blockades working.

In the Civil War, the Union Navy blockaded the Confederate States. Leaky though it was, the blockade was in effect for about two years before the Confederates began to feel it bad enough in their military.

In WWI, the Allied blockade on Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire effectively starved out the German people and made it extremely difficult for the German industries to continue war production. Thus, as a result, they could not carry on the war.

In WWII, the German U-Boat blockade came within a hair of starving out the British and putting them out of the war. It took almost two years to reach that point.

The hole-pocked economic blockade on South Africa even began to tell well after two years. Thus, the economic blockade **must** be given time in order for it to work. Thus Bush did not exhaust "...every means at our disposal to bring this crisis to a peaceful end." He simply did not give the blockade enough time.

So, if there are so many examples of the blockade destroying a country's economy in the past, why didn't Bush give more time for it to work? One theory floating around The College Voice office has been that Bush believes that the US Navy is made up of rowboats and therefore that was the reason the blockade was not working. Personally, I don't believe that is the case. But, it is quite obvious that he has not made his ears available to a learned professor of history, political science or economics, such as those here at CSI. Bush has the power to summon any professor in the country at a moment's notice to tell him these facts, but he obviously has disdain for the great scholars of this nation.

Another reason could be that this whole deal came at a time when the problems of domestic politics were just about to undermine his administration. The Jan. 15 deadline came at a time when things were starting to get a bit boring and attention was beginning to be turned again to such 'petty' things as the S & L crisis, education, poverty, racism, homelessness and drugs.

The Jan. 15 deadline also gives Bush enough time to fight the war and win it in time to use it to boost his 92 election campaign. And one might even go so far as to guess that deep down old George is insecure about having dictators mouth off to him without settling it in a good ol' fashioned Texas gunfight. Whatever...

Bush obviously did not take philosophy while at Yale. If he had, he might have come across an ancient Chinese philosopher named Sun Tszu, who said something to the effect of, "Defeat your enemy without fighting him on the battlefield." This is what the economic blockade can do, and would have done, had Bush not chosen to trade American lives for time and elections.

It is also funny how history has a way of repeating itself. There is a historical theory that states that the US goes to war every 16-22 years. The reason it does this is 1) that the public generally had forgotten the last war and 2) the generation that was born during the conflict is just about ripe for combat.

Let's look at the 20th century. In 1898, we had the Spanish-American War. We entered WWI in 1916. The span : 18 years. WWI ended in 1918. The US entered WWII in 1941. The span : 23 years.

WWII ended in 1945 and Korea started in 1950. Granted, it does not hold here, but I'm talking of general trends. Korea ended in 1953, and Vietnam started heating up in 1965, with the landing of the US Marines in Da Nang. The span : 12 years. Vietnam ended in 1973. It is now 1991. The span : 18 years. The vast majority of the troops now in the Gulf were born during the Vietnam War. So, demographically speaking, were right on target.

Another way in which we see history repeating itself is how Bush asks Congress for support. He asks for "...the use of **all necessary** means..." to implement the UN decision to use force to push Iraq out of Kuwait. Hmmm, where have I heard that before. Ah, yes, 27 years ago, early August 1964. The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, passed by Congress, authorized the president to take "...**all necessary** steps..." in **Answer** Continued on page 10

# Stress Treatment, NotWar, In Drug Fight

### **By Mary Mahoney College Voice Staff Writer**

Drug abuse absolutely permeates every aspect of our society, the director of the state's Division of Substance Abuse Services said in December at the Fall Symposium, as he outlined his agency's strategy to control drug abuse through prevention, law enforcement and treatment.

Drug treatment will remain a priority for the state, said the director, Arthur Y. Webb, although Governor Mario Cuomo has proposed cuts to DSAS which will delay the addition of residential treatment beds.

The director, leading a symposium on "Drugs and Society" in College Hall, described the effectiveness of the three part program and emphasized that work will continue despite the fiscal crisis.

Treatment services are aimed primarily at pregnant addicts, said Webb. "Drug treatment works. Although many addicts have four to six treatments over a lifetime," Webb explained.

Webb rejected the metaphor of a "war on drugs", saying the terminology implies that the drug users are losers in the treatment war.

Prevention is also working, according to Webb, who detailed for the audience results of programs showing that first time users are down by 35%. The targets of prevention plans are 10-year-old males. Webb called for Staten Island educators to develop programs in the schools. Even first graders must be taught to achieve in a drug-free society, he said.

Webb spoke of the leveling off of crack use as encouraging. "But we still have an epidemic," he said. "There are 50,000 substance abusers seeking recovery in the DSAS system, but we need to get the system up to 200,000."

Heroin remains a threat, Webb said, and Southeast Asian producers are responding to a "market demand for a purer form of the drug that can be inhaled." Injecting heroin is no longer popular because sharing dirty needles can spread the AIDS virus.

A "cheap and simple" solution for

heroin addiction is methadone, a synthetic narcotic that alleviates the craving for heroin. "But we are looking for the best solution," said Webb.

stance abuse. "The government made a commitment, but we can't do it alone," said Webb, who was commissioner of the state Office of Mental Retardation/

alcohol," said Webb.

Alcoholism as a form of substance abuse that affects addicts and their families was addressed at the symposium by Professor Mary Ruth Culbert, a counselor and social worker. Culbert described the anxiety and tension which are faced every day by adult children of alcoholics.

Adult children of alcoholics are four times more likely to become alcoholics," compared to people from non-alcoholic families, Culbert said. A support group for ACOAs meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Sunnyside.

Alcohol and drugs are just part of the problem, said Dr. Phyllis Chesler, associate professor of psychology. "We are living in an addictive society," she said, pointing out Americans' dependence on such things as food and coffee.

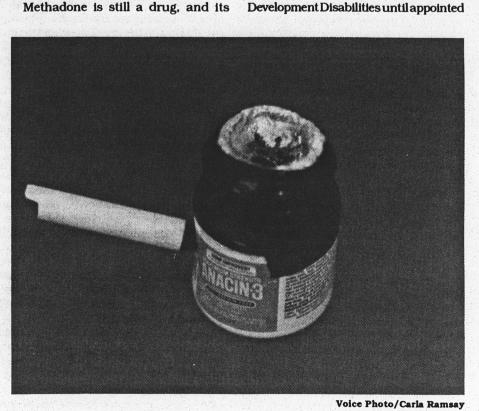
Chesler outlined some of the gaps in the treatment services available to women and minorities. "More than five million women of child-bearing age are on drugs," Chesler said, "but they have no place to turn."

Chesler described a program of education where college students visit high schools and high school students go into elementary schools to discuss substance abuse, AIDS and other family problems.

Educating the community was one of the main goals addressed by all the speakers at the symposium. Though everyone knows that drug abuse is a threat to society, Webb said, "we have not translated that knowledge into a sense of responsibility to serve and into community acceptance."

Educating the college community wasone of the goals of the symposium sponsored by Dr. Barry Bressler, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Federal regulations require that colleges take specific steps to ensure a drug-free workplace. Culbert, of the department of student services, runs the Substance Abuse Program at CSI.

The director of the AIDS Education Program, Dr. Jerrold Hirsch, was unable to attend the symposium due to illness.



Homemade crack pipes, such as this one, show how desperately creative some addicts can be.

detractors charge it is at least as addictive as heroin. Webb spoke of the need for a program that will meet the health care needs of its patients and their vocational and mental health needs.

One of the main goals of Webb's plan is to work with people as whole people, not as parts. This can only be achieved by a collaborative effort. Webb's approach calls for coordination among various agencies.

Webb explained the need for "treatment on demand". An addict in search of treatment must be assured of the "quality, efficiency and effectiveness of care," Webb said.

The family courts, foster care and educational systems are all necessary elements in the struggle against subto his present position by the governor about one year ago.

Webb's program of prevention and treatment focuses on high-risk communities. The major initiative is in community-based programs. Webb, acknowledging that some areas of Staten Island are oversaturated with social services, proposes legislation that includes "proper procedures for community involvement in site selections", but that limits the citizens' veto power.

DSAS licenses all of the state's drug treatment programs. The agency will merge in a few years with the state Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. "Alcohol is strongly abused and many drug abusers are also addicted to

#### **House President** Covenant Speak At CSI 10

### By College Voice Staff Writer

The newly appointed president of CovenantHouse, Sr. Mary Rose McGeady, will be speaking at CSI sometime in late April. The exact date, time and place have yet to be announced, according to the Newman Club, which is sponsoring the event.

Covenant House is an independent Catholic charity set up to help save the over one million teenage runaways that flee from abusive homes each year. First started in New York City, Covenant House has grown to extend across the whole of the North American Continent, including Canada and Central America.

Many times these kids end up on the street, where they are easy prey for drug pushers and pimps. Often they are pressed into service to make pornography movies or become prostitutes or nude dancers. This is generally the only choice that these teenagers have as they have no skills, money or family and are underage for jobs.

The street often takes the children and shows them a world of horror, using and abusing them until they die from disease, overdoses or murder. Covenant House not only saves and protects these children from such a horrible fate, but aids in putting them back into the mainstream of life. This may include reuniting them with their families if it is feasible to do so, training them to work or sending them to

school.

No other organization is as successful as Covenant House in giving these kids a second chance at life, which all people deserve. This is the great institution that Sr. Mary Rose McGeady is leading and will speak about in April.

The Newman Club, which is running the event, is working many long hours to make this a success. Ads and information are on their way out even as this is being read. President Matt Rosenwasser stated that the club is " ... initiating a massive campaign to let people know about this event. Everyone in the (Newman) Club has been putting their all into this. This one's gonna be big."

Among the places where they will be advertising will be the Catholic New York newspaper and the SI Advance, as well as The Voice. Also, they will be putting up signs and advertising in church bulletins.

For those who are new to the CSI community, the Newman Club is a group of Roman Catholic students who look to promote a sense of community among themselves and others. It is one of the most active clubs on campus, and has effectively quadrupled its membership since the beginning of the fall semester.

"Everything is going even better than I expected." said Rosenwasser. More thought-provoking movies are being planned for this semester, as well as other activities.

Participation in a February weekend retreat at the Archdiocese of New York retreat house, Blair Lodge, is already in motion. People from all over and outside the NY Archdiocese can come and get away for awhile to "...take a step back to see where you are and where you are going," according to Retreat Manager Liz Murray. Murray said that "...these retreats are a great way to relax and get closer to those things that we often forget about from day to day."

The Club will also be looking to celebrate Mass every Saturday night at Wagner College with the other Newman Clubs from St. John's and Wagner, if possible. "There was some difficulty with this last semester, and we are hoping to rectify the situation ASAP," said the president.

Also in the works is a trip to a play or concert toward the end of the semester. But, the McGeady event " ... will be dominating most of our attention for a better part of the semester." said Rosenwasser.

Everyone is invited to join in the Newman Club and its activities. Meetings are every Wednesday in B-300 at 1 p.m. Please note : The room number might change, so look for Newman Club signs! If you cannot make any of the meetings, please leave you name and number in the Newman Club box in C-2 or with Club Moderator Pat Nolan in the Weekend College office in A building. Hope to see you soon.

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# The Life And Legend Of Nat Turner

### By Donya Ramsay

Since the early 1600's slaves had made many efforts to gain the same liberties that other immigrant groups had been granted in America. The first dramatic North American slave revolt occurred in August 1831, in Southampton County, Virginia. That revolt was led by a thirty-one year old man, Nathaniel Turner. The revolt ultimately proved unsuccessful; yet, at the end it left some fifty-five slave owners dead. At least one-hundred slaves were killed to suppress the revolt.

Born into slavery in Southampton County, Virginia, on Oct. 2, 1800. A field hand, he helped produce tobacco and cotton. With his parents help, he displayed an unusually outstanding intellect at a very early age and read, wrote, and recited long passages from The Bible. He knew a great deal about science and was a gifted mechanic. Turner experimented with the makings of gunpowder, paper, and pottery. A deeply religious man, he preached to his community on Sundays.

Nat Turner's intelligence was a source of wonder to all in the area, particularly blacks. He would miss no opportunity to learn, taking the books of the white children to improve his reading abilities. Even during the early periods of his life, blacks in the area noticed his superior judgment. Though Turner was not a thief, his friends would take him along when they went out to steal. Turner would plan their successful thieveries and escapes. Also, as an adult, his fellow slaves noticed that he was no ordinary man, so they regarded him with a mixture of respect and awe.

Still, Turner was not adorned by all. Many blacks criticized certain decisions that he made. For example, he ran away for thirty days and was not seen until he returned. Upon returning, he explained that the Spirits had spoken to him, and told him to return. The Spirits also told him that he owed his earthly master. This did not sink well with the other slaves, as they thought him foolish for ever returning.

All of his time was not devoted to his owner's service, Nat Turner spent time either praying or experimenting. He was a deeply religious man who spoke with God and the Spirits as he listened for guidance and a sense of direction. He reported visions of blacks and whites struggling in the heavens, the outstretched hands of Christ, and was told by the Spirit that on the appearance of a sign he should rise and defeat his enemies with their own weapons. And on these visions Turner felt that he was to lead a black army for liberation against the slave owners.

The revolt climaxed a three year period of unrest and uneasiness among the slaves during which Turner convinced his friends that he was appointed to lead them from bondage.

In February, 1831, Turner confided his plans in four of his most trusted friends, and the revolt was set for the 4th of July, but because Turner was ill, he postponed the revolt. On August 13th, 1831, there was an eclipse of the moon. This convinced Turner that this was the sign from the Spirits he was awaiting. Thus the revolt began.

Starting with half a dozen men, which would soon rise to sixty, Turner and his group went from house to house killing every slave owner that they could find. Yet these were not indiscriminate killings of whites. In at least one case the home of a poor, white family, not much better off than slaves, was bypassed. For forty-eight hours the rebel slaves roamed the plantations leaving some fifty-five dead. Next, Turner and the rebels set out to capture Jerusalem, the county seat, in order to get guns and ammunitions. On their way the men were met by a posse of white men, the rebels were dispersed and the revolt terminated.

The rebels were never well armed, and because they had been fighting for forty-eight hours, they were exhausted. Military forces terminated the rebellion before Turner and his men could really get started off toward Jerusalem.

One of the major effects of the revolt was that the uprising lead to intensive debates about slavery. It made southerners argue more than ever against the emancipation of slaves. They used the revolt as a scapegoat. Turner's actions terrified most white southerners and this helped dismiss the myths about docile slaves. Nat Turner's revolt demonstrated that even plantation slaves could rebel.

Regulations governing slave conduct became even more rigid. Slaves who were considered to be "suspicious" were interrogated, and some of them were executed by nervous slave owners. The slave owning southerners made every effort and bent toward harsher repression of slaves and the whites who sought better living conditions for slaves.

Whites today are still horrified by the revolt led by Nat Turner. It has always held a horrible fascination with them because it made such a great impact upon his race. Many of them would rather not hear the name, "Nat Turner", as it represents, for them, the uprising of a few slaves and the death of good citizens. For most blacks, then and now, Nat Turner represents freedom, a rebel, a hero, a man willing to fight for something he knew to be just.

# MarchingTo Be Me

### **Robert Levine**

I'm a nineteen year old white man. She's a twenty-one year old African American. We are a couple who lives in New York City. When we walk down the streets, the looks we receive are absurd. Almost all, in their own way seem to totally disapprove of our relationship. Many black men seem angry towards me, as if I did something to harm them. They act as if I had stolen something from them, one of their "possessions". The anger steams off of them. They looked as if they want to kill me.

For example, we were in the village recently and there was a large, mostly black males. People had their tables out, selling things and as we were walking holding hands, I lifted my head and I saw a young black man sitting by one of the tables, intensely. He said, looking straight at us, "White Dick!" It was not words he said, but the expression he held that hurt me. We decided to walk back the other way in order to avoid a confrontation. As we turned, I heard another comment to my right, something about "...needing a black man." We kept on going, hoping to get out of this.

Just before we could escape, a gentleman approached my girlfriend with a book about "How to Love a Black Man." This infuriated my girlfriend. We listened to this man for a while. He started going on and on, talking about "The only way is to get rid of the white race." He was basically saying that 'all white people are evil. I understand that life is f.... up, that slavery was insane, that the way the black race was and is still treated is lunacy. But I took this personally, not Marching Continue on page 9

# **Women Who Made A Difference In Black History**

### By Lisa Stephenson

### College Voice StaffWriter

We don't really hear much about women during Black History Month. They are normally overshadowed by the accomplishments of our men. But women have played a large part in our history. Dedicated women have fought for causes and allowed nothing to stand in their way, including illnesses or pregnancies.

Four such women were featured in the February issue of Essence Magazine. They were Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker, Amy Jacques Garvey, and Septima Clark.

The following are excerpts from the said magazine.

Fannie Lou Hamer was a sharecropper born in 1917. She lived on a Mississippi plantation, and joined the ranks of the foot soldiers in the Southern civil rights struggle and rapidly rose to become a general charting the movement's course.

Her life changed irrevocably on August 31, 1962—the day she presented herself at the Indianola registrar's office instead of the cotton fields. Hamer was in her mid-forties, married and the mother of two children; "Sick and tired of being sick and tired," as she described herself. She attempted to exert some power over her life by trying to register to vote. That same evening she and her family were forced from the plantation. Ten days later somebody pumped 16 bullets into the house where friends had taken her in.

Such white violence only strengthened her resolve. She began organizing other sharecroppers, and within months she was helping to plan the strategy that would wage an all-out assault on the Mississippi racist system. She was a founder of the Council of Federated Organizations. She was also founder, organizer, spokesperson and elected representative of Mississippi Freedom, formed to give disenfranchised black citizens on organized political voice, and to fight for representation in the Democratic Party. The legacy of her organizing is seen today in the political clout of black people across the South. Fannie Lou Hamer, who died in 1977 at the age of sixty, was no ordinary general. She walked with a limp from her childhood bout with polio. Her best weapon was her rich, contralto voice, breaking out in a freedom song. She was a general with soul, the very soul of the Civil Rights Movement.

Ella Baker devoted her life to progressive causes, linking organizations, generations and history with her own vast store of organizing experience. She preferred to call herself a "facilitator", and she worked to make things happen. Some of the history she made happen were the two southern organizations that, together, led the modern civil rights movement: the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

By the time she arrived in Alabama to advise leaders of the 1955-56 Montgomery Bus Boycott, Ella Baker, born in 1903, had already accumulated a 30 year history of energetic organizing in the South and the North. This led to the work that has made an indelible mark on our history. In 1957, she set up the headquarters of the then-infant SCLC, headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Three years later, she called together the student leaders of the sit-in demonstrations that were sweeping the South. The result was the formation of SNCC, which would soon introduce an aggressive, dynamic organizing style to the rural South. She helped SNCC ignite the first student activist movement in U.S. history, building its maturity in the civil-right struggle, and serving as mentor when it moved into Vietnam War protests, the free speech movement and the women's movement. Ella Baker was a giant in the annals of African-American history. Her energy and powerful voice belied her physical frailty, for she was a petite woman who suffered from acute asthma for most of her life. A few years before her death in

1986 on her eighty-third birthday, public television aired a documentary dedicated to her extraordinary life, called Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker. It is, fittingly, the Swahili for "one who hands down a craft from one generation to the next."

"Stand on your own two black feet, and fight like hell for your place in the world."

With that fiery and inspired devotion, she helped sustain a mass movement for half a century.

Followers of the Marcus Garvey and Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) movements built factories and businesses, created a steamship company and forged a movement of black people that spanned three continents which included millions in its ranks. Amy Jacques Garvey was in the midst of it all, as campaigner, organizer, fund raiser, secretary, publicist and agitator for what remains to this day the largest mass movement of African peoples in history.

Garvey was born in Jamaica, in 1886. She began working for the UNIA at its Harlem headquarters in 1918, as a secretary, and later as an editor of its widely distributed newspaper The Negro World. The concept of African peoples in control of their own lives, lands and resources was considered so

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## The Price They Paid For Freedom

### **By Mary Mahoney College Voice Staff Writer**

The television medium has been referred to as a "vast wasteland". It has been accused of corrupting the morals of the young, and of lowering our standards. Television is often called an influence-almost always a negative influence.

On sitcoms we see the same plots and hear the same jokes repeated over and over again. The dramas tell familiar tales of cops and doctors and young lovers, and the more sex and violence the higher the ratings.

But this is not to say that television has nothing to offer in terms of quality entertainment. Of course there have been moments—some special programs like "The Civil War" or "Roots"; movies or miniseries like "The Day After" or "Amerika"; and sometimes there is a series that is special enough to warrant attention such as "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" or "Hill Street Blues" or even "Cheers" and "The Wonder Years". But all too often these shows fall victim to the network's axe. They die of malnourishment or poor ratings.

And then sometimes the Public Broadcasting System, through corporate grants or viewers' dollars, will offer an entertaining program, or even a series, that has the power to captivate as well as educate its audience. One such series is "The American Experience" shown on Mondays at 9 p.m. on WNET/Ch. 13 and 10p.m. on WLIW/ Ch 21. Channel 13 repeats each episode the following Sunday afternoon.

The show, a series of films about America, brings history alive each week by concentrating the whole hour on one part of our collective background. The documentary topics have included the Underground Railroad, the events leading to the stock market crash of 1929, the march on Washington by World War I veterans in 1932, and biographies of Americans such as Charles Lindbergh, Edward R. Murrow and Richard Nixon.

The shows owe much of their suc-

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because I'm proud to be white, (because in many, many ways I'm not), but because I'm an individual, a human being. He was telling me that I must be done away with. I didn't care about the political part of our discussion. I wanted to stress individuality. I wanted to make eye contact and I said, "What about me? I'm not evil." I was hurt. He wouldn't listen. He couldn't even look me in the eyes. He wasn't evil either, just frustrated. I don't think he really wanted to kill all whites. The reason he didn't look me in the eye was because he knew that

cess to the use of contemporary words and pictures and interviews with key people or their descendants. "Roots of Resistance: The Story of the Underground Railroad," which aired in January, told the story of the people who escaped from slavery before the Civil War and the people who helped them reach freedom. Orlando Bagwel produced and directed this film and it was introduced by David McCullough,

the series host. The music was a re-creation of the music of the slaves. Actors and actresses read the letters and personal accounts left by slaves, slave owners and abolitionists. Black and white Americans, whose ancestors had once lived and worked on the same plantations, recalled the stories, the vivid accounts of the lives of the slaves, the escapes with all the dangers, the horror of being captured, the difficult journey towards Canada, and the chase by the slave owners and the bounty hunters. The letters and journals read gave a

picture of the antebellum South where even those 'who did not own slaves justified slavery based on the theory that blacks were inferior to whites. Nineteenth century pictures depicting the "inferiority of blacks" showed the extent some whites would go to protect the institution of slavery. The pictures and newspapers shown also revealed how the blacks of the time were living in a different world from that of the plantation owners and the merchants.

The different residents of the country had different views on life and their society with the abolitionists denouncing slavery and the southerners, who resented the abolitionists, presenting their own vision of happy slaves and benevolent masters. Black preachers challenged slavery through the teachings of Jesus.

For the slaves the price of freedom was the risk of death. The flight to freedom was an act of hope and desperation. Frederick Douglass, the selfeducated ex-slave, expressed the strong feelings of many slaves when he said

if he did, he wouldn't have hated me. I'm a human being, not a "white man." And

he's a human being, not a "black man."

sat in a calm restaurant with food in our

bellies. The anxiety was finally dissi-

banging, thumping, yelling, and fight-

ing. I looked out the window. People

were marching and others were trying

to stop them. They were fighting each

other. I have never witnessed some-

thing lke this before. It was amazing.

pating.

Afterwards, we went to eat dinner. We

Out of nowhere we heard

(quoting Patrick Henry) "Give me liberty or give me death!"

But for the slave owners the loss of one slave meant the risk of losing the others. Owners placed ads and offered rewards for runaway slaves. Pursuit was certain.

Ex-slaves and sympathetic whites helped others escape, forming the Underground Railroad to undermine slavery by guiding fugitives to the North. Success depended on their help. Descendants of abolitionists replayed the route of the escaped slaves, for whom freedom meant crossing the Mason-Dixon line. Many abolitionists, station masters, lived in Lancaster County, PA. across the line from Maryland.

One man told how an ancestor, a station master, needed to be wary of any suspicious people, "If he'd been caught of course he'd have been killed."

In the Dred Scott decision in 1857 the Supreme Court upheld the property rights of the owners, denying Scott's right to declare citizenship while in a free state. Freedom seemed unattainable to those in slavery.

In his 1860 presidential campaign, Abraham Lincoln offered as a compromise slavery would remain in the South, but not expand to the new territories and states of the West. Four months after Lincoln's election the South seceded. The beginning of the Civil War.

Lincoln asserted that the war was to preserve unity, not end slavery. Blacks were not permitted to join the Union army. Some black leaders did not want to be involved with the war. But Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman and others knew ultimately it would be a freedom war.

When Lincoln moved to end slavery in January 1863, slaves ran away in droves. Many joined the fighting as black regiments were formed in the North. A black woman, recalling the oral history of her family, said it was the Union army entering the South who told some slaves they were free.

As slaves their goal was freedom, as free men and women it would be equality.

gay! We're here! Get used to it!" they vehemently chanted. Thousands of angry people. Angry at the world. Angry for not letting them be who they are. It inspired me. It showed me that there are other people fighting to be. I am not not alone! Although I am not a homosexual, I felt quite comfortable. We were all marching for our rights. I marched thinking how I wished there were no prejudice; no racial prejudice, no sexual prejudice, no religious prejudice. Just people. Just human beings-who want to be themselves.

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Malcolm X In 1991

### **By Kevin Armstrong**

In 1991, we have witnessed a rise of racial tensions not seen since the 1960's. That one out of four American, black men are in prison is a mind boggling statistic. That a disproportionate number of blacks live below the poverty line is horrendous, and one cannot help but reflect on The Autobiography of Malcolm X.

Malcolm X predicted in 1965, with startling clarity, the state of black Americans in 1991. He said that black communities would become somewhat similar to war zones, areas into which outsiders are advised not to venture. He also made mention of the complete breakdown of the black American family unit, and the eventual demise of the black American male. Like Nostradamus, Malcolm seemed to have insight into the future of black America.

Certain philosophies put forth by Malcolm X have an almost urgent need to be put into effect as soon as possible. Sometimes labeled a black supremacist, Malcolm's ideas were looked upon as being anti-white and separatist. In actuality, he spoke of political and economic empowerment for a group of people who make up the largest minority population in the U.S. He also spoke of the restructuring of the black American family from a traditional sense to a more African sense.

Malcolm wished to see one people, one family. As the traditional, nuclear family begins to fall apart the community should step in and supply guidance for their young people. He also stressed heavily the importance of education for children.

From an economic standpoint, Malcolm felt that blacks were so often the consumer, and rarely producers. He stated many times the need for blacks to own their own businesses, the need to patronize those businesses, and the need to keep their money within their own communities. Self-sufficiency, not separation, was Malcolm's vision for black communities.

This philosophy was the basis for Malcolm's ideas on political empowerment. He felt another thing holding down blacks in America was their absence in politics. Without a strong voice in government, which controls almost every aspect of society, how can a people truly affect social change?

Malcolm was not a psychic. He was a person who carefully studied history, especially as it dealt with the plight of the poor, the lower classes, the persecuted. Malcolm formed his ideas about the position of blacks in America on his diverse knowledge of American history.

Malcolm X was not a racist. Nor was he a hate-monger, or anti-white. Malcolm was pro-black.

Today, in 1991, we've since forgotten much of the ideology of Malcolm X, and are now concentrating too much on the memory of a man. His physical form can never be brought back, but his ideas and philosophy can live on forever, to give insight into problems. As a young, black man in 1991 America, who is daily witnessing the destruction of my people, I can not think of a more appropriate situation into which Malcolm's ideas should be implemented.

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lands and resources was considered so dangerous that simply possession the newspaper was treated as a seditious act and in parts of France was punishable by death.

She married Marcus Mosiah Garvey in 1922, when he was facing a trial and possible jail term for the dubious charge of mail fraud. She set about to infuse energy into the UNIA, which was then demoralized because of Garvey's persecution and the collapse of the Black Star Line. Rallying the followers in city after city, she became chief agitator for the UNIA movement, a role that intensified when Garvey was deported in 1927.

Amy Jacques Garvey was also the UNIA's publicist and chief defender. Unable to secure a publisher, but determined to secure the movement's place in history, she herself edited and published the two volumed The Philosophy & Opinions of Marcus Garvey, or Africa for the Africans. Thirty years

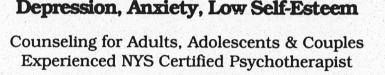
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later as the modern civil rights movement began to take root, she published her own personal account in Garvey and Garveyism.

Amy Jacques Garvey, who died in Jamaica in 1973, would be gratified to see our youngsters today wearing UNIA's colors on leather pendants around their necks. For it is through her meticulous and determined documentation that the movement was preserved for them.

She ran leadership-training workshops that powerfully influenced young people whose names and deeds became legendary: Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, the college students of SNCC. Septima Poinsettia Clark chose leadership development as her contribution to the struggle of African-Americans.

It was a natural choice, given her love of teaching and education and the way her life organically linked these with activism. In 1918, 20 year old



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With her livelihood denied in Charleston, Septima Clark moved on to the Highlander Folk School, in Tennessee, long a refuge for Black and white activists. There she ran leadership workshops, and created the first of hundreds of Citizenships schools-held in kitchens, beauty parlors and backyards-to attack the twin problems of illiteracy and political powerlessness. She traveled the South to recruit ordinary people to be trained as leaders in their communities.

By the early Sixties she was doing similar work in eleven states for the SCLC. Her long life of activism ended in 1987, when she died at age of 89. Septima Clark's schools are the foundation of grass-roots Black political organizing today.

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granting the requests of Southeast Asian nations for assistance. I don't know, call me crazy, but that wording sounds like it's giving both presidents freedom to take any actions that the president sees fit. One might call it a 'blank check'.

As the bomber from carriers off the coast of Vietnam hit oil storage facilities at Vinh on that fateful day in early August, President Johnson announced to the nation, "...hostile actions...have today required me to order the military forces of the US to take action .... As the mostly US bombers were hitting targets in Iraq, Bush announced to the nation " ... (we, the coalition) have no choice but to drive Saddam from Kuwait by force." Interesting how the leader of the most powerful nation on Earth seems always to present himself to the American people as being perennially backed into a corner.

Bush had the gall to quote an American from history on national television. Since he likes to quote from the past so much, I'll match him with a quote from an 18th century British diplomat : "I believe that if you thoroughly prepare for war, you will get one." Bush has prepared more than thoroughly for a war, and now he has it.

Perhaps if our leaders spent a little time looking to see what happened behind them, maybe they would be better able to see what is ahead.

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# **Shooting the Philosophic Breeze**

### by Peter Simpson

Is certainty possible? A strangely vague question, you say. Certainty about what, in what sense, to what degree, by whom? Let's start with something actual. With their high tech, high speed and high precision weaponry the soldiers in the Gulf can be fairly certain of hitting and destroying most of their targets most of the time. 80% success rate is what General Schwarzkopf said of the air-strikes. With the Patriot missile the success rate has apparently been almost 100%.

The war in the Gulf may be the most clinical war ever fought and the one where the seductive dream of reducing it to exact science has been most fully realised. Of course things have still gone wrong. Some soldiers died even before the battle began through defective machinery or their own mistakes. Doubtless there will be more foul-ups, especially when the ground-fighting starts.

But this is what is awesome about modern warfare. The more sophisticated and deadly the machinery the less room there is for error. One small mistake could kill or maim hundreds, or thousands, in an instant. How many would die if you shot your arrow too short or your sword slipped? So modern warfare not only wants to be exact and error-free, it needs to be.

We all know this anyway from video games. You've got to get it dead right or you're finished, and the further you go the harder it gets. But if video games teach us you have get it dead right, surely they also teach us you can get it dead right. The software is set up that provided you always do the right thing you will infallibly win. The factor of chance has been eliminated, and all that is left to foul things up is human error.

These are the two things that make battle so hard to predict and control: chance and human error. Video games have removed chance, and some avid players have almost removed error. Modern warfare is becoming the same. The technology is removing chance; the training is removing error.

But the greatest and most longed-for victory will be over chance. We say in sports that you need luck to win. But if you needed luck you did not win by your own skill, and isn't that unfair? Shouldn't the best team win, not the luckiest? How then can we praise the victors if it was not they who won but chance? To eliminate chance and reduce everything to sheer skill, isn't that "a consummation devoutly to be wished," not only in sports but also in war? (And if you've not seen Hamlet yet, do so.)

But, supposing we can eliminate error, can we eliminate chance, and if so would that be a good thing? Some would object even to the thought here on the strange despised race, this is

ground that it is impious. Chance is something divine, the secret of the deity, by which he mysteriously works in human affairs, overruling all things for his own good purposes. But this is mere superstition. If the deity is omniscient and omnipotent he can do what he likes, when and as he likes, with or without chance.

No, let us remove chance if we can, for we are rational creatures who should be ruled by mind not the mindless. But how to do this? Clearly by means of the opposite: absolute certainty. There is only one thing we know and possess that seems to fit this description: mathematics. The path to a chanceless world lies through math or not at all.

This secret was already discovered centuries ago by René Descartes. Only Descartes saw the need for certainty, and hence math, with such clarity. For modern science is nothing but the application of math to nature. Modern science has spawned modern technology, which is the exploitation of nature's hidden powers by mathematically structured machines. Computers are only the latest of such off-spring. And computers have given us both Nintendo and Patriot missiles.

So the victory over chance is around the corner, and Descartes' dream is almost a waking reality. How much longer will we have to wait before all is in our hands and only human error still baulks us?

But here even our beloved math plays us a dirty trick. Certainty is as elusive in science and math as it is anywhere else. Consider only Heisenberg's uncertainty principle. The very name would shock Descartes as it shocked the Newtonians. Yet that principle is central to modern science. Consider also Einstein's relativity. That name too is shocking. Math is not supposed to be relative but absolute. Consider also Schrödinger's cat which is neither dead nor not-dead until you look at it. Consider also, if you will, the new science of chaos. Chaos? Yes chaos. At the heart of science lies chaos; even for computers.

But all this is applied math, you say, and does not affect, or infect, pure math. Well even were this true it would be bad enough. Math applied to the world was supposed to eliminate chance, but if it does and cannot, our goal is a deceitful dream. But anyway this is false. Gödel's incompleteness theorem has destroyed our modern hope of certainty even in pure math as surely as irrtional numbers destroyed the ancient hope of the Pythagoreans.

So there is something rotten in the state of Math, pure and applied. It is not just that certainty has escaped us so far; certainty will always escape us. Descartes' dream always was and always will be a dream, and a vain image and an idol.

According to the metaphysicians, that

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prise. They knew it aeons ago. Uncertainty is ineradicable from nature and math because of matter. Matter, as the metaphysicians speak of it (the physicists mean something derivative), is pure potentiality and as such unintelligible except by analogy with actuality. It is because things are a mixture of the potential and the actual that the unknown and the uncertain remain. For only the actual is certain, and only the purely actual is purely certain.

Looking for certainty in bodies and machines and numbers is a will o' the wisp. Go beyond matter to find certainty. Go to the soul. But what rectifies the soul is virtue, not math. Virtue is no system to be reduced to calculation. Virtue is a habit of action grown through long practice and right desire. For this reason the virtuous man can be trusted and relied on. Not so the wicked who are always changing. And what lies at the root of the war in the Gulf but wickedness? And what will set things right when the wizadry is gone but virtue?

Still that there is no certainty but virtue may remain doubtful. Is mathematical certainty really an illusion? To explore this question further come and join us at the next meeting of our philosophy discussion group. It takes place on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30pm in room A 230, Sunnyside. Our book will be Morris Kline's Mathematics and the Loss of Certainty, available at Clove Lake bookstore. For if one thing is certain, we will not understand certainty without thinking hard about it.

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# OMMENTARY **Capital Complaints**

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Us, those with minds of our own, with working vocabularies and time to read, think, and feel; we will continue on through this piece of print.

Capitalism sucks!

Knowing that you've an open mind, strong heart, and disallow pets in your home I've to assume that you've not yet an opinion on my address on the state of State Capitalism. If you do, if you've a set mind on the topic then you belong with Them. Those on ship jumping portside or starboard before knowing from where the waves have risen are doomed to drown in a murky sea of misunderstanding. Read through the column before abandoning the U.S.S. Rationality.

## "Yes, I think little of capitalism... I cannot affirm the workings of a system within which inequality is inherent, and alienation excepted."

Yes, I think little of capitalism. A system sprung forth from the roots of slavery and weaned on child labor I cannot respect. I cannot affirm the workings of a system within which inequality is inherent, and alienation excepted. History shows us that capitalism is imbued with domination and exploitation. Too, most often militarization and annihilation are attributes of capitalist histories. I say, "Phuque et al."

Oh, sure, I write today with twenty years invested into this capitalist education of mine. I am sitting in my heated apartment, listening to commercial radio, waiting as my bedtime approaches because I've to work in the 'morrow. I've a rent, bills and beers to pay for every month. Social pressures force upon me the reproduction of our capitalized society, for I've been socialized by the very same institutions as each of you.

Unless I commit anomic suicide the reproductive forces of capitalism are going to continue physically and men-



Hagen The Horrible **Cliff Hagen** College Voice Columnist

tally abusing me.

That our lives have not only been coerced by, but, for the most part, completely manipulated by a system founded on brutal exploitation pisses the spit out of me. That is why I've chosen this award-winning vehicle of supposed free press to drive home the message that capitalism sucks.

Indeed, there are child-labor laws. And, yes, we've still rights guaranteed by an amendable constitution, but "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" does not guarantee an equal access to the means of production. Inequality prevails.

Maybe you disagree with my anticapitalist stance. Whether you are a Marxist or a Fascist, a Born Again believer in Reaganomics or a passive anarchist I am almost certain that you disagree with me. My certainty is based on your implicit approval of the worldwide exploitation and domination you are so busy debating. You are part of this capitalist, socio-economic mano trabajo whether you like it or not. And you have to admit, it feels too good to be true.

Capitalism is a jerky, yet perky system sucking the strength from hardlined, straight and narrow folk. It leaves the men spent, and the women unfulfilled. Capitalism is sucking us dry.

Let me conclude this column, a column written on the first day of yet another capitalist world war, with a few bits of general advice. First, skip the next payment on your car loan, buy a bicycle, and use it. Next, don't worry about your neighbor's grass. Your lawn is green enough. And lastly, your unalienable rights set forth in our constitution will seem strange, quite alienated if you protest this newest of wars. Be careful.

## **Support The American Way**

Welcome back to yet an-other "rewarding" and "stimulating" semester here at CSI, the home of Staten Island's intellectual and cultural elite.

I guess there is much to discuss concerning the very troubling global events which have dominated the boob-tube in recent weeks. However, this columnist has opted to skip such boring and methodical rhetoric, and instead has chosen to concentrate on the American public and their pu-

trid response to this international crisis. It is unfortunate that for months normal, conservative and loyal American patriots have had to contend with those little, lefty devils who oppose our presence in the Persian Gulf. After moaning, complaining and undermining the United States government, these peacenik mutants were all thrown into a reality seizure on January 16th.

Yes, I am very happy that our proud and fearless president decided to kick. some desert rat butt. To hell with Saddam Hussein and his comical nation of people who hide behind cheap, dirty sheets. I feel sorry for our soldiers over there, stuck in the incredible heat of Saudi Arabia. After all, in such extreme climatic conditions the stench can be horrid to say the least.

Well, as promised, I will not jump into the logistical arena. Instead, allow me to focus on the idiots in my own country first.

Hey, what is all this peace demonstra-tion crap? I thought the defenders of the American way ended such nonsense when they crushed that hippie revolt in 1969. Why do these pinko- liberals refuse to support their Chief Executive anyway? I mean, how subversive and unpatriotic can people be? The time for debating whether to fight or not is over. Sit down, shut up and show some support for our men and women over in Saudi Arabia.

One thing about the Iraqi people is honorable, and it is that they seem to support "their government" and it's leader, Saddam Hussein. Of course, we could never have this here in the U.S., where every mental midget has to open his/her mutated mouth and crank out an abundance of illogical excrement. How pitiful this once proud nation has become. Especially the New York metropolitan area where this Republican patriot is forced to reside. It's downright shameful that we have a social split in the support of Operation Desert Storm. Some sane members of this society wave flags, tie yellow ribbons and rally around Mr. Bush. Other creeps denounce the conflict and the military establishment itself.

These are the people who cried that the government spent too much money on cruise missiles, the patriot system, the stealth bomber and so on. Well how stupid do you all feel now? Obviously, these so called "military toys" have come in handy in that desert rat hole. But wait, are these not the same people who now scream that we must defend the

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individuals a riot to watch, or what? I would bet the ranch that the average CSIan is not capable of forming an opinion regarding the present crisis. Well, why should they? After all, there have been no reports of SCUD missile attacks on the Ford plant which produces Mustang GTs or Thunderbirds. Watch out though, there has been speculation that terrorists plan to sabotage BubbleYum and Aqua Net hairspray factories throughout the U.S. Never fear, the cosmetic counter at Macy's remains functional even as we speak.

Actually, I revel in the fact that my fellow students care little about trivial topics like foreign affairs. In all honesty it makes it that much easier for the more intelligent students at CSI to get ahead and thwart the pious advances of our "Ivy League" counterparts at Columbia, Harvard and Yale.

Solet's seewhere we stand thus far. I am on an island surrounded by a sea of ignorance. Or perhaps I'm a cavalryman in the famed Light Brigade. Yes, I do like the sound of that. As I spur my horse forward I encounter on my left those liberal things. On my right are the "Republicrats", who are just phony leftist. In front of me stand the CSIan guards. Oh, the plight of a young Republican, loyal to his country, flag and himself.

Ok! Then we woke up, and the nightmare ended. Come on, we all know that these idealistic, blinded and spoiled individuals could never match wits with a real American.

Let me be serious for a moment. There are Americans in a foreign land who need the support of a generation which seems to have lost it's way. The last thing a soldier needs to here is that flaming liberals are demonstrating against the war. Or better yet, that some punky CSIan could not care whether or not that soldier lives or dies. Living in the U.S., and Staten Island in particular, places you in an advantageous position so put back at least a little of what you have taken out.

Do you understand what I am trying to say? Get off your 18kt. ass, and make a positive contribution. And I don't mean as a idiotic protester. The time has come to use the brain you were born with so don't burn it out with drugs or liquor. I know it must be easy to spend parental money, but some of us work hard, and live day to day as do our soldiers in the gulf.

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sacred nation of Israel? Oh, I see, the United States is obliged to defend Israel, but should not spend money on the weapons needed to carry out this objective. I hope that my fellow Republicans now see how contradictory those narrow minded, foolish, naive liberals really are.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, there is but one life form on Staten Island worse than a lefty loser, and that is the dreaded CSIan. My god, are these brain dead

# COMMENTARY Sooner Or Later, Reality Comes Back To Haunt You

### By T.C. Lynch

So here we are, finally, in the last decade of the century. The future that everyone has made predictions about is coming full bore down the road. The American economy is going through one hell of a rehabilitation program from the excesses of the Eighties, suffering a bout of the D.T.s like any junkle that tries to kick does. Everyone has the shakes. Happy New Year.

And a Republican White House, faced with an economy in tatters, does what Nixon did when faced with a similar situation in the early Seventies.

It goes abroad and tries to play foreign policy games to draw attention away from its problems at home. Nothing new.

But this time, the game is for mortal stakes. Nixon climbed aboard Air Force One and made nice with Communist China. George Bush went down the road and picked a fight with a well armed despot. People are dying this time; young people who are in the service of their country, but weren't thinking about get-ting killed to keep oil under \$40 a barrel. Never mind Kuwait. It's about oil. And oil shouldn't matter to us that much in 1991.

After the first OPEC oil embargo, the U.S. declared that it would no longer be beholden to outside energy sources. Alternative energy programs were created; conservation programs were enacted. Detroit began producing more efficient automobiles.

Then Ronnie Reagan rode a wave of blind nostalgia into the White House, and began putting in place a fiscal policy that his opponent in the Republican primaries, some wimpy guy from Yale, called "voodoo economics.

Those alternative energy programs were cast aside in the greed-fueled binge by corporate America on the nation's economy that Reagan and Congress opened the trough to. Detroit scrapped efficiency for luxury to satisfy pissant Yuppies. . The environmental lobby prevented America from using any of the oil reserves that sit on or off the coast of the North American continent. They were worried we might kill some critters or fish.

They complained about nuclear reactors being constructed. "Remember Chernobyl," they would wail. So the only thing left was importing oil from the Sand Barons. Don't start yapping about solar energy, or other high concept crap. Tell me about things with their technology in place, not in Carl Sagan's brain pan.

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While it was easy to say "We should have given the sanctions time," it was also easy to see those sanctions weren't going to do diddly unless Iran and Jordan were included in the embargo.

Those two countries decided to throw in with Hussein because they fear him (or hate us) more than the coalition the controlled Congress that voted to approve the dismantling of the energy policy that could have taken the oil card out of the hand Hussein is now playing. Same thing with the S&L debacle. The weasels in Congress didn't want to take on a President that had popular support, even if his policies were dreamt up from a combination of too many movies and a tarot deck, because they were gutless.

We made this bed of nails that is now bleeding the country. Since 1980, this country has thrown away even the pretense of forming a sensible energy policy. Dependence on imported oil has risen in the last decade to over 50%. Between 1986 and 1990, U.S. oil production decreased by roughly the same amount Kuwait exported. Alternative fuel development has been ignored. The same people that screamed "No Nukes!" now scream "No War For Oil!" I hate you bastards. You're all just jerks.

You can't have it both ways, folks.

You didn't want anyone building nuclear plants, even though coun-tries such as France get much of their energy from such facilities...facilities built with American technology. We couldn't tap the oil fields in our own waters. But you want your MTV, right? You want your microwave ovens, sí? So we now have to go into the desert to make sure the oil continues to flow at a price we can live with. Or die for. But the fish off the California coast are safe. Thank God for that. Bastards!

I have friends sitting out in that desert. I don't want to see them die, but they knew what they were getting into when they enlisted. They knew the risks. They are doing their jobs-jobs they volunteered to perform. So don't mess with their heads with you tired protest rallies. Deal with reality. Do something new, for a change.

A reality that existed in the Seventies, then was ignored in the Eighties, has come home to roost in the Nineties. Come back with a vengeance. It was bound to happen.

It's come back with a gun in its hand. A gun we supplied. That doesn't really bother me, because Colin Powell and "Stormin" Norman Schwarzkopf will kick that sand weasel's ass from here to Tripoli. It will only take a matter of time

So get it over with, guys, and bring everyone that we can back home. As for you protesting poseurs...don't tell me about no

goddamn fish...ever again.

# The War According To Rob

Well here we are (at the time of writing) entering the second week of hostilities in the Gulf. Some serious thoughts have been going through my head recently. The first thing on mymind is fright. Yup, that's right. I am scared silly. I am scared of going to a very hot place, shooting very loud weapons at some very dedicated people; wetting my proverbial pants in fact.

However, one thing that scares me almost as much as the war is the nonsense here on the homefront. Y'see, I went up to Columbia to see what was happening the night of the big protest. First, a little background information is needed.

I like the Beatles, always have. However, Iamnot that big of a John Lennon fan. I also happen to think that the way he has been elevated to god-like status is just plain sick. You can now "Imagine" my shock when I stepped around the corner of Broadway and saw 500 John Lennon look alikes swarming about with peace signs in their hands. Itwasn'tevenagenericJohnLennon they had modeled themselves after. We had the tie-dye, hippie John Lennon, the downtrodden, sideburned John Lennon, as well as the older, more refined, sunglass wearing John Lennon. No Mop Tops though. Too

I wonder, do these people get their eyeglasses at a group discount?

It was definitely a surreal experience. Anyway, I started to walk around for a while to get the general gist of what it was that these people (persons?) are about. I went to the nearest Lennon to ask some questions. Turns out his name was Steve. He was a tall, gawky, kid wearing the required eyeglasses, and a gray New York T-shirt. It went sorta like this:

Me: Why are you protesting?

Him: "Well,like I'm against war, man." Me: You're against war?



**Rob** Quinn **College Voice Columnist** 

Him: "Yeah."

Me: Well, have you ever seen anyone for war?

Him: "Well,.....no."

Me: So why are you protesting? Him: "I told you. I'm against war."

Me: Who isn't? Him: ".....

He eventually faded into the sea of Lennons to protest something he had absolutely no idea about.

That was myvacation kids. How's byyou? I may make fun of those crazy mixed up ds up there at Columbia, but some of the thoughts in their warped, deluded minds might actually be grounded in reason.

Believe it or not, we do have a good reason for fighting this war. I hear all the arguments about how we should not be "fighting foroil". To that end I agree. But put this thought in your minds. Why would someone try to take over such a small country in as volatile a land as the Middle East.? The answer: It was a stepping stone. Saddam Hussein wants to take over as much as he can. If any other country in the area tries to stop him all he has to do is attack Israel and Arabian countries will leap to his defense.

Don't believe me kids? Take a look at CNN.

This is not to say that I believe in war. I do not. There is nothing on this earth that man has invented (with the exception of disco) that is as stupid, and pointless as war. For some dumb reason every thirty, forty years or so humanity beats the hell out of itself. No, I do not believe in war. But there comes a time when the only way to deal with the local bully is to take him out. I have very strong feelings about death and I hope to God that this thing is resolved quickly. Unfortunately, there is only one way to do that.

My family keeps using the word "draft" in hushed tones around me. I think they feel that talking about it will make it come true. My mother is looking at Canadian addresses, mybrother is talking about enlisting, and then there's me. If it ever comes to a draft I have no idea how I am going to react. The idea of rabbiting to another country doesn't sit well with me. But then again, neither does getting shipped to one.

Until then I'm just sitting and waiting, scared half out of my head that the two friends I have over there might come back in body bags. Or that I might have to join them. Only time will tell.

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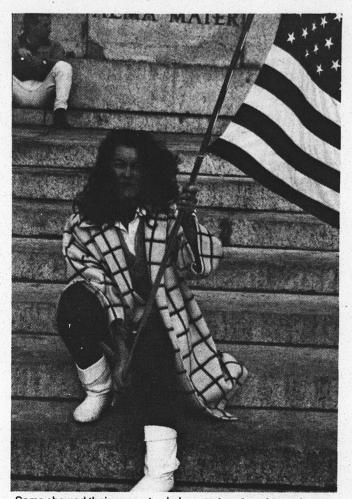
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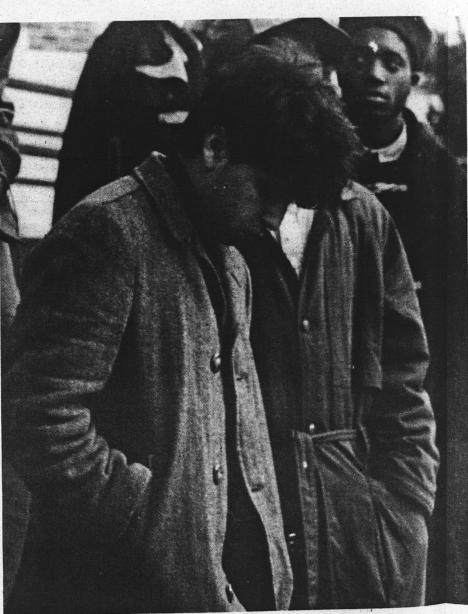
Some showed their support calmly ... Voice photo/ Kamal Wazne

WELCOME



... while others voiced it quite vehemently.

Voice photo/ Kamal Wazne



Still, others struggle with where they stand.



Voice photo/ Colleen S. McGraham





One group's opinion on President Bush's New World Order.

Voice photo/ Tom Killeen

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# **Our First** Amendment by Ryan Monroe

America is "the land of the free, and the home of the brave." We are living in a very complicated time in history. The world has changed dramatically in such a short time. We can hardly keep up with the fast pace of recent events which effect at home and abroad.

Americans enjoy freedoms which are denied in other parts of the world. We can say and do almost anything. This is guaranteed by the constitution.

Since January 16th, thousands of people across the country have been marching against the war in the Persian Gulf. As Americans they have the right to express their opinions.

At the same time there began a newer type of movement. There have been overwhelming visual signs of support for the troops in the Middle East. The most obvious are the increasing number of flags and yellow ribbons being displayed throughout the country.

As Americans we can express our different opinions. We should be proud of, and cherish this freedom.



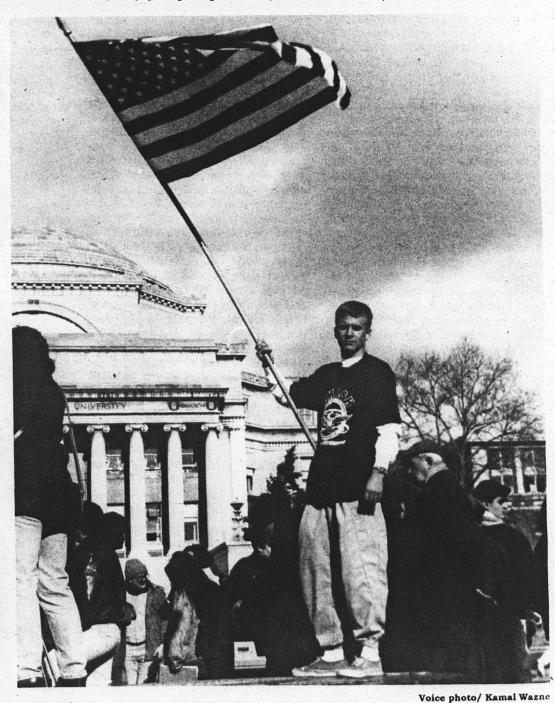
Voice photo/ Tom Killeen

Protesters reaffirm their constitutional rights by ignoring Congress' attempt to stifle freedom of speech.





Voice photo/ Tom Killeen The differences between these peace demonstrations and those of the Vietnam confllict is the broad range of ages of the participants.



One of many patriotic members of SMASH (Students Mobalized Against Saddam Hussein.)

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# Student Instrumental In Release Of Fresh Kills CD

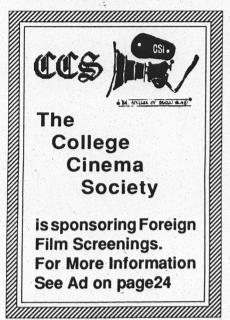
### By Peter Heslin College Voice Columnist

Mike Silva, program director for the College's WSIA (88.9 on the FM dial), finds himself feeling a little tired these days. "It's been a long, tough ten months," Silva said, fighting back a yawn. "But it was all worth it. Now comes the real hard work." Judging from what he and a small crew of dedicated, unpaid helpers has managed to accomplish in' just under a year's time, Silva would appear to be up to the job, however tired he may be. FRESH KILLS, a compilation compact disc released this past November, is the culmination of a brainstorm the young program director had early last winter.

Produced through the joint efforts of WSIA and the Staten Island Rock Coalition (SIRC), the disc showcases the talents of 19 of Staten Island and the local area's music acts. The work ahead, as Silva describes it, is promoting, distributing and selling the disc. "Of course we'd like to recoup the money that the college extended us for this project," he explained, "but the ultimate goal is to bring these bands to a wider listening audience. That's always been the intent in putting together this CD, right from the beginning."

Featuring an assortment of sounds like the funk-rock-reggae of BAM BAM, the mournful blues of SLIM FATZ, the hard-rock of KLEEN KUT, and the gentle folk angst of OLENKA, FRESH KILLS is high on energy and decidedly diverse in its content. And that's exactly what Mike Silva had in mind when the idea for the compilation first came to him. A member of WSIA for nearly two years, he was given quick exposure to the developing local music scene with which the 'demo' tapes area bands, eager for airplay, inundated the station. "I guess I've always been a fan of Staten Island bands but it wasn't until I started with the station that I got a feel for the real wealth of what's going on here musically," he said. "There are a number of talented, deserving acts working hard and going virtually unnoticed by the established music industry simply because they come from Staten Island."

To help rectify this, Silva and WSIA's staff decided to incorporate a greater portion of the material submitted by local acts into their regular playlist. "WSIA has always had a policy of playing cuts from air-quality demo tapes whose music fit into our format. We wanted to step that policy up, make our



focus a little more regional, and increase the rotation. If a tape came in air-quality, reasonably interesting, and was from a Staten Island group, we made a point of getting it on the air at least once," Silva said. Listener response was favorable and reaction from the Island music community was tremendous; more tapes than ever came into the station. That's when the program director was struck with the notion of bringing things local into the laser age.

At the start of 1990, Silva brought his idea for a WSIA sponsored compact disc featuring the music of area artists to station manager Greg Adamo. Convinced by Silva's enthusiasm, Adamo helped develop the concept and encouraged Silva to solicit the needed funds from the CSI Association. After sitting through two finance meetings, proposing his CD project and illustrating its goals, Silva was allotted the money to see things through.

He went directly to Tom Taaffe and SIRC. The bands of SIRC, an organization founded in the late '80s in an effort to assist local musicians in attaining a platform for their original music, were primarily responsible for the material already swamping the WSIA studios. Together, Taaffe (SIRC chairperson and BAM BAM vocalist) and Silva spread the word amongst area musicians and worked out guidelines for submissions. Within a few weeks, the station received over 60 tapes and the process of determining the representative songs was underway. "That was probably the toughest part of the whole project," Silva said wearily. "We got almost 250 minutes of material and almost all of it was completely unique. You want to be fair and give your attention to every second of it, but it's kind of hard to remain open and objective after listening to that much music sitting after sitting. After a while, it just became like a blur.

The idea behind **FRESH KILLS** was not to establish who were the best Staten Island bands, but rather to develop a cohesive, musically distinct grouping of the area's acts. We had to listen over and over again to all the submissions, first to find what were the really superior songs in the lot, and then to see which of those worked well together. Believe me it wasn't easy. A lot of the songs that just missed being included were terrific. The judges all worked hard and put together a great selection of tunes."

Taaffe concurred. "This CD is an ex-



Photo / Alexandra Swigoniak

Local artists BAM BAM, one of the 19 bands featured on the WSIA / SIRC compilation CD, 'FRESH KILLS'.

### cellent example of the high quality and diversity of the bands and musicians playing, working, and living on this Island," he said. "There's everything here—dance music, hard-rock, industrial,...it represents the heart and soul of the local music scene."

"Initially, there was some reluctance about even beginning the FRESH KILLS project," Silva added. "There was a great deal of debate about putting it out on laser disc. I was questioned about the cost of producing a compact disc as opposed to running vinyl or tape and about the simple fact that some people don't have or can't afford CD players. I'm glad I stuck with it and pushed for disc. Digital is the sound of the future, there's no question about it. Most record companies won't even press vinyl these days and cassette tapes are too easily lost at radio stations. CD is more durable than the other formats and, in my opinion, the sound quality is better. These things will last forever and that, after all, is why we started the whole thing. We wanted to insure at least some sort of future for this music."

Indeed, a future is secured for the bands selected for the **FRESH KILLS** collection. In addition to being a durable, quality showcase for their work, it serves as a much more valuable vehicle. The artist's songs are published, copyrighted and distributed to college and major radio stations nationwide thanks to Silva's efforts.

"Five months of production work and three months of post-production went into that CD. Sorting through the material, mixing the disc, designing the package,...virtually all the work that went into it was donated," Silva mentioned proudly.

I think we did a pretty good job and most of the people who've heard the CD seem to agree. It's already getting airplay on college stations like WNYU and we're expecting to get it on some major market stations as well."

Hometown support, however, is imperative to the real success of FRESH KILLS. "We need the people of Staten Island to stand behind us and the CD," Taaffe said, quick to remind all about the nature of the collection. "Staten Island has long been a proving ground for great musicians. Some of the biggest rock bands in the world, like Joan Jett, Billy Idol, Hall and Oates, and Joe Jackson, have all had Staten Islanders in their lineups. Yet we still work in the shadow of the Manhattan and New Jersey scenes. It's time the Staten Island community stood up to be counted. In the end, it's really their music."

## **New York Films Review**

### By Ritty Mahoney

There are two unique films about New York circulating in the metropolitan area this weekend. One is full of vibrant camera movement, great colorful performances and a smashing rock soundtrack. One is a single, sustained, black and white, silent shot of the top of the Empire State Building.

The films are Martin Scorcese's "Goodfellas" (still in release pending Academy Award consideration) and Andy Warhol's "Empire", originally released in 1964, now playing midnight shows Fridays and Saturdays at the Angelika Film Center on Houston Street.

Each film is in its own way startlingly different from anything you've seen before. Both films portray a director's sense of life and what it means. One film is an inspiring display of the art of living. One film is a sadistic defamation of living.

"Goodfellas" is about the mob. It is about violent men who kill people and make a mockery of established laws. The film, however, shows the great beauty of any life lived to its fullest, while at the same time depicting the gangsters themselves as tragically nearsighted men who miss part of the equation.

The gangsters know that life can be beautiful, but they fail to realize that it must be shared. Scorcese and his actors (Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, Ray Liotta, Lorraine Bracco and Paul Sorvino) share very personal and revealing parts of themselves to bring great detail to the telling of this tale.

"Empire" is an impersonal poke in the eye of society. Warhol makes comments on his views without sharing any of himself (except possibly that he has a phallic fixation). As the film went on, the crowd I'saw it with began talking among themselves. But they couldn't even enjoy this with such an intrusion into their lives as that shot on the screen staring at them, mocking them. People left the film irritated and frustrated.

While viewing "Goodfellas" an audience might get annoyed, frustrated, scared, even angry at many of the gangsters' actions. But they leave the theater feeling good about themselves even on Staten Island.

# **Bank Street Arts Center Hosts Island Photographer**

### By Julie Tulip-Walsh

Gene Markowski, author of "The Art of Photography: Image and Illusion", once said, "...Photography has provided the form in which our view of the world and of ourselves is inevitably cast." Markowski's statement-which should not be limited to photography alone, but include all visual arts-is unquestionably true. Art throughout history, with a few exceptions, has reflected the emotions and the perspective of the artist towards the world in which he or she lives. The stark reality of life is always present in art, whether it be found in an abstract, profound, ambiguous, or lucid form.

Laura Byrnes, a young Staten Island artist, presents an interesting perspective on our present world in a startling exhibition of photographs appropriately named: "Interiors, With and Without," at the Bank Street Art Center. The exhibition comprises of 24 large color photographs. The photographs are mounted and framed in an interesting manner that enhances their dynamic proportions.

When first entering the Chiaroscuro gallery Byrnes' works leap out and assails the viewer, causing confusion as where to look first. In their entirety, and in their singularity, the works of Byrnes

produce a strong emotional effect. It is apparent from this exhibition that Byrnes is truly an innovator as well as an enormously talented artist. Her photographs show a sensitive response to the nuances of light, and convey the chaos and serenity sometimes found side by side in the world in which we live

Byrnes' subjects are interiors in stages of decay, often dormant and forgotten in structural ruins. Her interiors are not completely forgotten, as they are visited not only by herself and two mysterious beautiful figures, but also by sunlight. It is this sunlight that gives life to a serene equilibrium of



mass, space and color. These elements, in turn, give birth to hope.

"Nothing is seen without light," wrote Florentine master Lorenzo Ghiberti in the 15th century. It is precisely Byrnes' understanding of light that makes her work so outstanding. She uses the light not only to determine forms and colors of objects but also to deform, denature and dissolve objects. Byrnes is not bound to photography's monochromatic translation of the objective world; she instead creates a closer reality, whereby objects undergo transformations wrought by light.

Byrnes has created in her work that which the Impressionists achieved in Photo / Laura Byrnes

their painting: to show that color is not the property of the object itself but of the moment of perception of light. This perception changes constantly.

The triumphant affirmation of Byrnes' work is "Shattered". It depicts a portion of a room in crumbling decay with the central focus on a dressing table. The table's drawers are open and cast in shadows; it's surface strewn with illuminant debris. The cracked glass in the lower part of a shattered mirror reflects a startling white light. The intensity of the light reflected from the cracked mirror creates a dramatic and disturbing effect. Light plays across the surface of a wall and produces

areas of color that exert themselves with magical intensity. The strange and beautiful aspect of this work is its low registering colors of blues, purples and greens, yet despite the low tonality the overall effect is so intense.

Philosophically, "Shattered" speaks of beauty amongst decay, a world which cannot withstand time, nature, nor the evils of mankind. Yet despite the destruction that is wreaked upon the world, the very essence of life remains in all its grandeur.

As the exhibition implies there are interiors with and without. Those interiors 'with' are the ones so intriguingly graced with nudes. "Janice #1" is the most appealing and stimulating. Light dances through the figure's long auburn hair, and caresses and softens the contours of her body. There is a heightening of color that intensifies the fluidity of contour. This is heavily contrasted with the harsh lines of the structure that surrounds her. Her soft shapes and the harsh shapes of the interior convey the collision of two antagonistic forces. The figure abandons herself to nature, and becomes one with it.

Byrnes' juxtaposition of nudes and ruins is an ingenious method to convey that incompatible ideologies can exist in the same place.

The beautiful nude figure is representative of a new, young, fresh, and thriving regime. The interior symbolizes an old, decaying, yet still surviving regime. Neither is less or more appealing than the other; each one has its own beauty.

In all Byrnes' work there is something deeply satisfying. She has discovered poetry and even drama in what may normally be perceived as plain or dull.

Byrnes' "Interiors, With and Without" currently hang in the Chiaroscuro gallery at the Bank Street Art Center. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

### **Heslin's Bung-Heavy Record Review** Bonanza

### **By Peter Heslin**

**College Voice Columnist** 

Well kids, welcome back to the wonderful world of higher learning. Time to pull your heads out of your asses and actually pay attention to something other than CNN! While we're on the subject, I certainly hope you're all enjoying this country's post-holiday jaunt in the Middle East. While we were all too busy ignoring such petty domestic issues like a reeling economy, homelessness, AIDS, racial unrest, and tuition nikes, Uncle George decided we needed some real drama. Nevermind this conflict will, in my humble estimation, probably amount to one of the greatest political, economic and environmental disasters in history. This is WAR homey, ... America's newest spectator sport!

Oh yeah, and this is a record review column. Stick to these rules and nobody gets hurt:

Brilliant, totally God;

- The Bungest Verging on massive;
- Uniquely Bung
- Hey, wow, ... cool record; Bung
- Don't say you weren't warned; Lacking in Bungness
- Ultra-mega lame;

Anti-Bung Totally Un-Bung 1) FRESH KILLS (WSIA / Staten Island Rock Coalition): I'm all too aware of the time and hard work put into this project by a very small circle of committed people. That said, I come to the question of what I honestly think of the record. Well, uhhh, let me put it this way: a better title for this compilation might have been 'Bring Out Your Dead'. The greater portion of the material on this record is so lifeless and devoid of character that it scares me. When one other few points of interest on your record is its cover art, you know you're hurting. The overall sound of FRESH

KILLS is flat; although each of the 19 cuts were produced and engineered separately, the press mix makes them all sound equally jaundiced. Arguably the song with the best production on the disc (212's "Private Dancin"), is aesthetically one of the record's worst, amounting to little more than a jockfunk wetdream Bootsy Collins would have tossed in the dumper. It seems that virtually all the artists on FRESH KILLS were more concerned with writing trite little pop songs designed to turn industry ears, rather than really putting any guts in their music. Outside of the offerings by The Goatmen, Persuaders, and The Love Apaches, the 'alternative' camp, an inherent part of college radio, is relatively unrepresented. The sense of humor shown in titling the record is noticeably absent from the material within. Everybody seems so goddamn serious about what boils down to mostly hookless, brain-dead AOR crapola. The and the second of the

disc's politics run from the ambiguous (Bam Bam's "Too Many People" - people are hungry and homeless and that's a bad thing. Really out on a limb, aren't they?) to the absurd (Fig Einstein's "Night Train To Johannesburg" - white suburbia's take on the horrors of South African apartheid). To make matters worse, there is no continuity to FRESH KILLS. Spin-dry funk, hard rock, industrial, wretched pop, and acoustic blues all follow one another into the realm aural discombobulation. Hey, diversity is one thing, but lack of cohesiveness is an entirely different ballpark. At first listen, all 19 tracks seem to elbow each other out of the way in an effort to distinguish themselves. By the second listen, you're getting angry with your stereo; this record doesn't even like itself!

To be fair, there are some good songs on FRESH KILLS (Laguna Moree's "Slash", Slim Fatz's "Grieve", DEA's

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# Gray's Monster In A Box: Monstrous Entertainment

### **By Peter Heslin College Voice Staff Writer**

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Isn't it funny how life always manages to get in the way of art? Or maybe I've got it the wrong way around, I'm not exactly sure. Neither is Spalding Gray, but he does offer up some very amusing and often quite poignant takes on the subject. With Monster In A Box, his thirteenth and latest theatrical monologue, Spalding Gray details the three year odyssey he undertook in completing the novel his literary agent coolly assured him was 'in him'. Perhaps a little too easily persuaded by his agent's confidence, Gray concocts the idea for Impossible Vacation. Simply put, it's the semi-autobiographical tale of a young New England man desperately trying to break away from a possessive mother, begin a new life in the theater and

eventually take a vacation on the island of Bali. As one might expect, the book's protagonist finds the going rough. For the perpetually distracted Spalding Gray, just sitting down to put the character's exploits on paper is a chore of Herculean proportions.

The novel, "due to be published by Knopf,...two years ago," Gray points out, appears doomed from the start. The premise, brought on by a bout of introspection following his mother's suicide, transforms itself into something Spalding Gray becomes almost physically at odds with. Monster In A Box hilariously illustrates one of the most peculiar cases of writer's block you're ever likely to encounter. Drawing from the incredible wealth of material in his own life, Gray deftly tells the story of "being unable to tell the story of a man unable to take a vacation". Taking his novel to an artist's colony, Gray is besieged by hand cramps and serenity. In California it's earthquakes, mega-buck talent agencies, and what he likes to call "a 35 mile per hour lifestyle". In Russia, where the film version of his Swimming To Cambodia monologue arrives without a translation, the mysterious absence of vodka ("One day,-no vodka!," his translator and guide offers as the only explanation), and the over-abundance of "old food" and Diet Coke works against him. UFO-crazed HBO producers, a psychotic "Pedantics major" from Cal-Berkely, the dark specter of AIDS, and vomiting 1.1 year-old actors all conspire to drive away Spalding Gray's muses. His Impossible Vacation eventually is completed, at a brilliantly entertaining and touching cost. For Spalding Gray and his audience, getting there is all the fun.

From the sparsely lit stage of the Mitzi New House Theater in mid Manhattan's Lincoln Center, Gray relates his story of unending preoccupation. His props are few,-a chair, microphone, glass of water, a wood table and a box containing the finally completer 1900 page opus (the Monster in a box, get it?). In this solitary, virtually defenseless position where other performers might fold, Spalding Gray thrives. The paradox of such an overtly private, anal-retentive character at the mercy of the looming. amorphous audience lends itself nicely to the piece's ends. Gray spends almost

### Box huddled behind his table, rising only twice, and allowed his physical expressions as the sole means of dramatic embellishment. It is in the warm, subdued manner of his delivery and the cutting, utterly human quality of his many insights that Gray's appeal lies. His smooth, reflective New England tone and his ability to bring the audience to identify with his ceaseless string of dilemmas and predicaments, no matter how bizarre, made the spacious Newhouse theater seem a much more intimate house. One leaves the theater feeling as if they've spent the evening with an impossibly colorful chatterbox of a friend. Though Spalding Gray did go a little soft

the entire 108 minutes of Monster In A

on some issues he usually attacks with a wry precision (his bout with AIDS phobia and the US involvement in Nicaragua), his tremendous talent for finding the humanity and humor in the darkest of subjects was nevertheless welcome and accurate. As Monster In A Box is on a limited extended run, tickets are scarce. If you're lucky enough to find one, I highly recommend you snap it up. Caught somewhere between traditional dramatic theater and stand-up comedy, Monster In A Box is a rare and absorbing work. If you miss it, try Swimming To Cambodia, available now on videotape. It's an earlier Gray monologue captured on film by Jonathan Demme. Or you can wait; I'm sure Spalding Gray has at least one more monologue left in him.

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"Working For A Living", and Olenka's "Cold Faith" stand out in particular). Those songs, however, are ultimately brought down by the quagmire of material surrounding them. Taken as a whole, FRESH KILLS rates mighty low on the rock-n-roll meter.

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2) MAGGIE'S DREAM (Capitol Records): While Lenny Kravitz was busy hobnobbing with the beautiful people (Madonna, Yoko Ono, et al), his old band put together a pretty good record. What distinguishes MAGGIE'S DREAM from the current crop of funkrock outfits clogging the record bins is their commitment to the 'funk' part. Deep, pulsing grooves reminiscent of early '70s Stevie Wonder discs keep this album moving. The vocal harmonies are soulful and impressive, and the guitars just nasty enough to give the record an edge. The quasi-hippie rhetoric that permeates the lyric sheet can be a bit much, but the overall sentiment of the album rings sincere. It's about peace and hope and love and dealing the funk out in a big way. That ain't so bad when you stop to think The production sounds about it. sparse, but don't let that kid you. These guys are as slick as they come.

Rating: \*\*\*1/2 That's it for this issue, see you next time out with new releases from Naked Raygun and TAD. Until then enjoy the apocolypse, and like Neil Young says, "Keep on rockin' in the free world".

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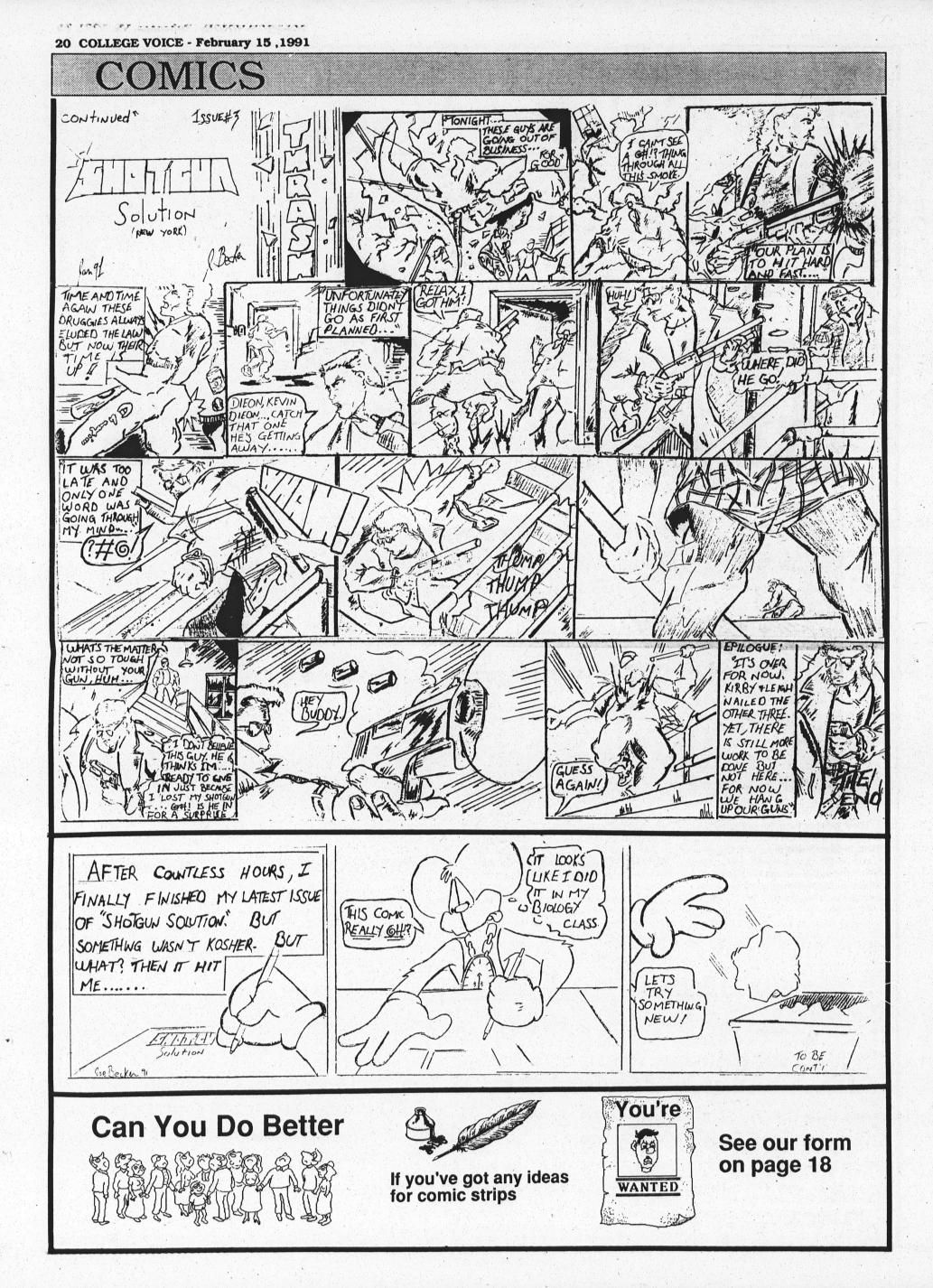
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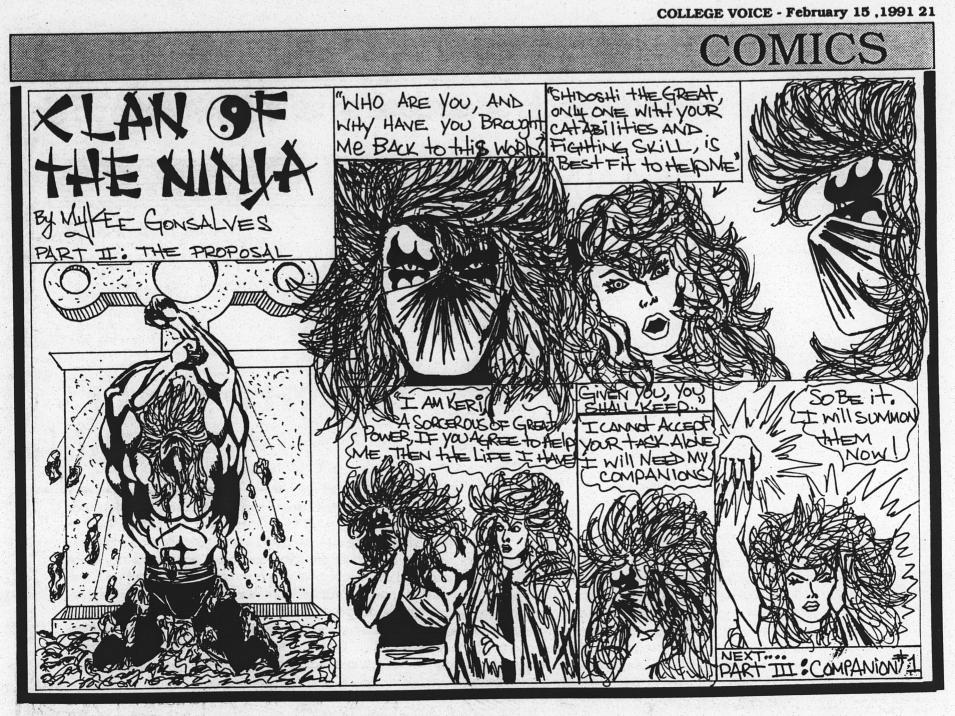


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## Why Student Government Deserves To Die

By T.C. Lynch

As we stagger into the homestretch of the 1990-91 school term, I would like to offer a suggestion that may save the student population of CSI from an incredible amount of pain and abuse.

Impeach Student Government. The whole lot of them. Really, no one would even notice they were gone.

These poor, frustrated, would be politicians from some God forsaken hole in the Twilight Zone have done nothing of importance for their constituents. Since before the Fall semester, they have spent more time fighting among themselves than getting any work done.

Their lists of crimes is numerous and heinous. Some of their adventures make Nixon's White House seem to be a branch office of the Boy Scouts. I would like to offer some of their deeds for examination. Then you can decide.

We'll begin during the summer, when the members were required to vote among themselves to name the president of their senate. The SG constitution is quite clear on the process: two thirds vote of the attending senators is necessary to gain the office. With twelve members casting ballots, Kamel Wazne received eight votes.

He did not win, however. Ignorance of their operating mandates was offered as a reason for this flasco. The members believed a candidate needed nine votes to win.

Anominous harbinger of things to come.

During the coming months, as summer gave way to fall, and the beginning of the semester, the level of incompetence this group of representatives possessed became more evident than their lack of mathematical skill. During the chartering of clubs, they brutalized Egan Gerrity, who presides over a student art club. Because

of a family crisis, Gerrity failed to get his club's chartering papers filed on time. When he went to an SG meeting to explain the situation, he endured an undeserved attack by one of the senators. Andrea Mosé scoffed at Gerrity's explanation, calling it "a sob story." She then began raving about treating all the clubs equally, and said Gerrity shouldn't receive his funding, because there were other groups who missed the deadline.

Mosé, it should be noted, is president of a group called "The Society Of Creative Writers." That group received its funding. They have never, however, held a meeting. I know—I joined the group the minute I learned of its existence. The cubicle they were assigned in the C2 clubs room has never been used. But the money is out there. Eventually, after the rest of the SG members were told how lousy the story would look in the newspaper, they supplied Gerrity his funding. (Mosé has since resigned from SG, which is good, considering she was on the school's payroll as an instructor in the Special Student Services department. Webster's Collegiate Dictionary was contemplating putting her picture next to the term "Conflict Of Interest.")

The next travesty that SG perpetrated is an ongoing one, involving the College Voice. In October, Student Activities director Lorelei Stevens discovered that the newspaper's Editor-In-Chief, Richard Formica, wasn't a registered student. So she changed the locks on the doors to the newspaper's offices.

This led G, Arthur Rosquist, CSI's resident political loon, to fire off a six page Memo From Hell. But Rosquist hasn't stopped: he has become a veritable memo machine, shooting off psychotic ravings at the drop of a hat. So far (too far is more like it), he's managed to fire off about a dozen of his babbling notandums, to various people. None of the people who receive these memos take them seriously, but Rosquist does, which is the funniest (and scariest) thing about the whole affair.

Through his delusional opinion that the title of Publications Commissioner has any sort of import, Rosquist has managed to drive a goodly number of "College Voice" member to the point of madness, or murder. Luckily, most have chosen madness. This is not necessarily a bad thing, because some wild fun has come out of the whole affair. We've written our own entry into Memogate; one guaranteed to cause Rosquist's mind to explode. We consider it a service to the student population, although we will accept cash gratuities when we perform this particular bit of euthanasia.

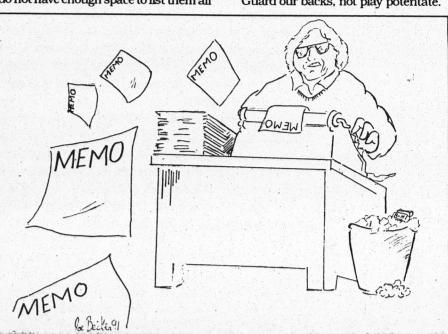
There are other, sillier reasons this group of hyenas should be put to the flame, but I do not have enough space to list them all

in detail. One is the reaction (none) the senators have put forward to CUNY's decision to hike the tuition. Although they did manage to get their mugs in the Advance when they held a meeting after the fact, they did nothing to generate opposition to the maneuver.

Worse, they seemed to have been caught unaware when the edict came down, even though many people knew it was going to happen. Utterly ridiculous. The student leaders at Hunter and Brooklyn colleges were ready for weeks; they were taking action the moment the increase was announced. They did their jobs.

So lets throw the whole group of them to the wolves, and vote in a new slate. Maybe then, after the old bones are out of the way, we can get an SG that does what they are supposed to do:

Guard our backs, not play potentate.



## WRITING

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Since when is that a crime? Well, it's a crime because I'm an adult, and adults are forbidden to eat any cereal that is not composed of wheat bran, oat, or a mixture of sorts. I know now that what I did was against the laws of man and nature, but I was like a junkie who needed a fix. I guess that some psychiatrists might argue that I had an "edible" complex.

It all began innocently enough. I was doing my grocery shopping a few days ago, and I took a short cut through the cereal aisle to get to the meat. I sort of glanced over the boxes, curious as to what kids were eating nowadays. And right next to the Rice Krispes was Tony the Tiger in all his splendor. I stopped and began to reminisce about breakfast when I was growing up. God I loved those sugar coated flakes! I used to sneak about three bowls before my mother got up on Saturdays. I never got tired of the pleasure that my pallet received whenever I dined on those golden flakes.

Anyway, I figured that I would buy a small box; you know, for old times sake. So I took one off the shelf and put it in my basket. The first hint that something was amiss came when the check-out girl spotted the box of Frosted Flakes while she was ringing up my order. "Kind of old to be eating these aren't you, sir?" she asked.

Up to that point, it never even occurred to me that I was doing anything wrong. I told her to mind her own business. "And besides," I said, "they're for my son." Her eyes dropped to my left hand, as though searching for a ring. I began to feel a bit uncomfortable, but after studying me a few seconds more she rang up the rest of my order, and wished me a good day. "Censored, fat censored," I muttered to myself as I left.

I was still a bit perturbed, as well as puzzled by, the attitude of the supermarket girl when I reached home. I thought, "What's wrong with eating Frosted Flakes?" Why did I care about such a ridiculous thing?

With a surge of defiance, I took down a bowl and grabbed the milk out of the refrigerator. "I'll eat whatever I want, whenever I want," I loudly proclaimed to nobody in particular. I brought my stuff over to the table and sat down to sample what was surely to be a culinary delight. I filled the bowl and added the milk. With a sort of righteousness I picked up my spoon and began to eat.

I had about four spoonfuls when there was a knock at the door. "Who the hell is that?" I said aloud. I was going to ingnore it when a second knock came, followed by "Open up. It's the police!"

Jesus, the police! What could they want? I tried to remember any outstanding parking tickets or speeding tickets that I had. The police!

What had I done? I began to sweat bullets. "Why would the police be here? "I kept asking myself. Again, a knock, only more forceful. "We know you're in there. Open the door or we'll break it down!" My thoughts were scrambled. What should I do? I told myself that I should open the door. So I composed myself, took a deep breath, and opened it door.

"Alright, put your hands where I can see them and move away from the table," a burty cop ordered me.

"What's going on here?," I demanded.

"Shut up punk, or you won't live to see the sun rise!"

I raised my hands, scared out of my wits and near tears. "But what have I done?" I pleaded.

"We were tipped off by the girl at the grocery store, and it looks like we got here just in time. Don't you know that it's a crime to eat Frosted Flakes when you're over the age of twelve?"

"This is a joke, right?"

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"The joke's on you slimeball. Take him away, Sargent!"

Well, to make a long story a bit shorter, I was booked and held on a charge of treason. Apparently, I went against the very fabric of American society. I was branded a traitor and a communist for trying to destroy the American way of life.

My wife divorced me, sobbing that she could never live with such a man who would stoop to such a hideous deed. I was labeled by the press as "The Flaker". My mother even took to wearing dark glasses all the time in order not to be recognized as being related to me. I'm currently doing ten to twenty-five at Sing Sing, with little hope of parole until my time is up.

I should have liked oatmeal as a kid.

## By John Morrissey

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### **MEDIA IGNORANCE**

### P. M.

He stalks the shadows eagerly engaging in solitary foreplay. A mad dog in heat awaiting his prey.

She's sighted. He springs. She screams. He grimaces. She flails. He smiles. She kicks. He grins. She claws. He laughs She faints. He violates. She bleeds. She dies. He put his tall between his legs and runs.

A.M. Newscast. "Girl wearing mini skirt beaten, raped and killed last night. More news at 11:00."

**Gayle Tauger** 

## <u>"Somebody's Gorna'Getenu'"</u>

Death anin't no thinking thing, doesn't know time-just appears, Lies around - waiting maiting - underneath the bed for me. like a childhood fear.

anonymous

Prevail!

**Vile canard** 

## D ERD LY

T rees stark white p aralyz ed unable to shiver gasp ing for breath seeking warmth from the white blanket of snow that contains them crumbled leaves die one by one smothered by the deadly whiteness beneath them black and white images in rare form inflict fatal wounds on simp lest minds as the blanket covers the starkness of their dreams

JudyOrtado

## LEAV-ING

As i watch storms blow, leaves fly, but where do they go? i will ever know.

**Cheryl** Thom

### A GOOD SONG

What is it that makes a good song Is it Something in the sound that may relate your life to the rhythm or beat Maybe It makes your blood flow a little faster or even bring a tear to an eye It can take everything away from your mind and replace it with the one feeling you are missing or wanting A good song can bring a smile to ones face creating a feeling of peace with oneself It even can raise chills and bumps on a lonely spine A good song can move something inside something deep inside of you like a nerve twitched by a heart stopping chord

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How the restless days eat you until you finally get over the feeling of a good song

Andrew Philip

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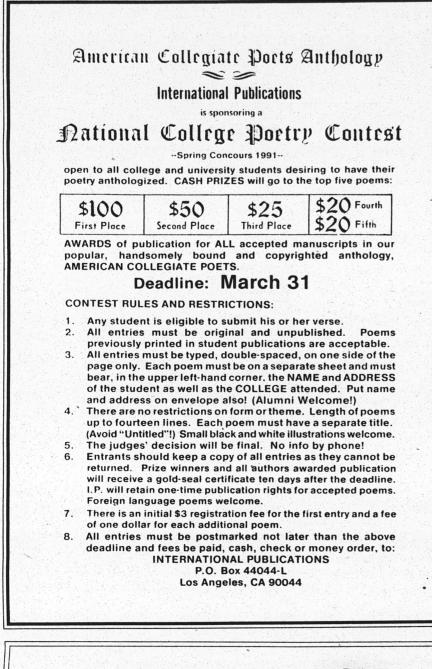


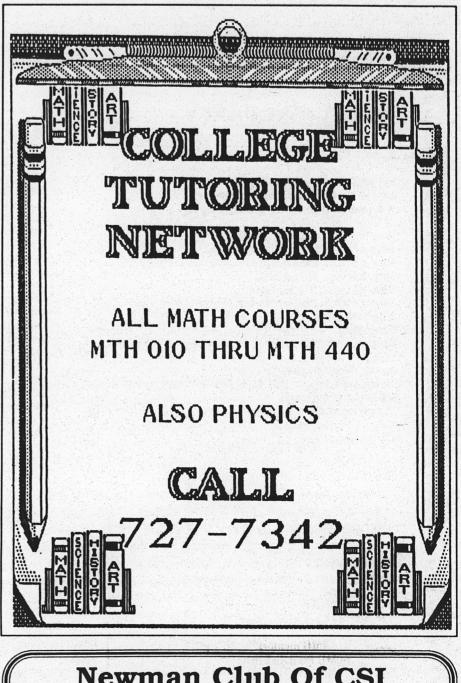
## THE CLOUDS

The grey clouds give birth to the infinite maelstroms. They swirl and churn and look onto an angry earth. The clouds bring bitter snow, very much like men. The flakes, like all the men are, non two alike. The men like, all snowflakes, run their short course. They fall from the sky in a short glistening moment of life. The snowflakes have their seconds of glory, falling from the sky. The men have their years of glory ascending to the sky. Each has their short time on the stage, to show themsel A glittering splinter of light.

But snowflakes and men both fail to the ground, and melt into the earth, forgotten.

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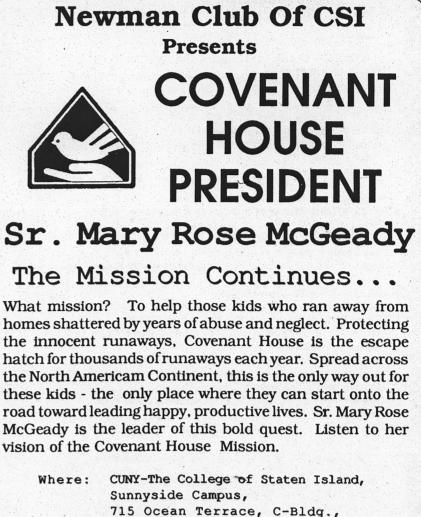
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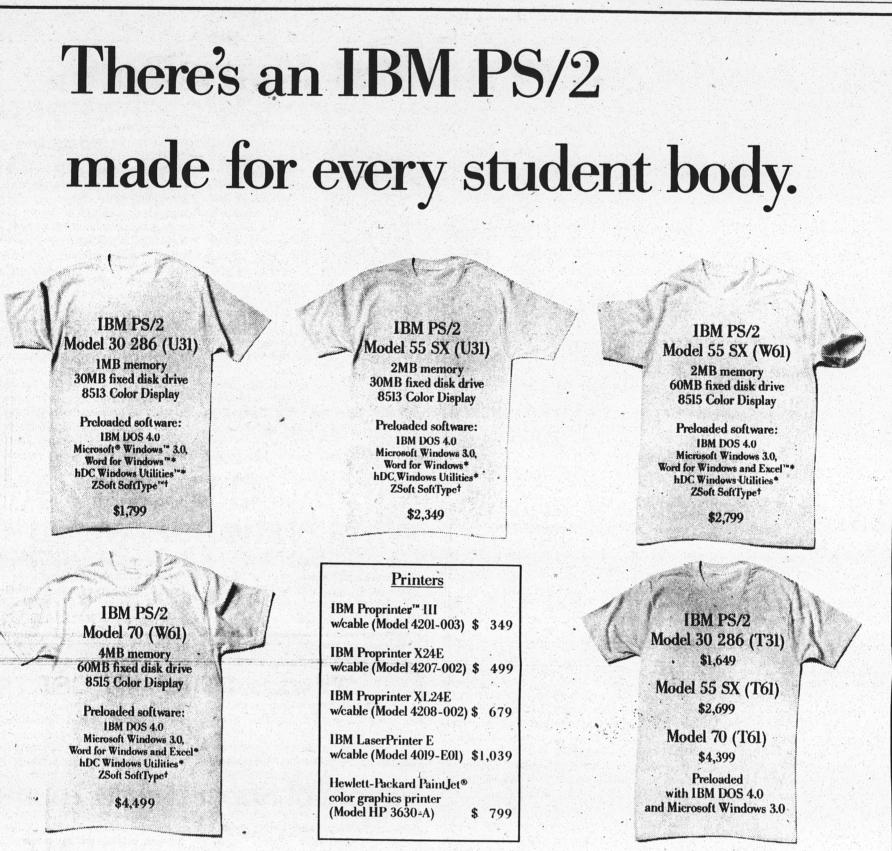
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# Mia Arcuri : A Person of Many Roles

### By Matt Rosenwasser

College Voice Staff Writer In life, some chose mediocrity, while others chose to go beyond what is to be humanly expected, to drive themselves to see just how good they can get.

Test pilots refer to this as 'Pushing the outside of the envelope', or pushing both yourself and the aircraft to their outer limits. Women's basketball team captain Mia Arcuri exemplifies this to the utmost. This senior sociology major has led the Lady Dolphins throughout the season, more than justifying the CUNY All-Star status she earned last year.

Arcurt has set the standard all season on both sides of the court. On defense, she has been adept at putting the pressure on where it's needed most forcing opposing teams into turnovers and bad shots. Offensively, Acuri has led and executed plays with robotlike efficiency, as well shooting from the outside with precision that boggles the imagination. One of the many high points of her season came on Dec. 6 when she hit the 1000 point mark in a game against CCNY. This is a plateau that is reached only by a few chosen souls in the world of NCAA basketball.

Oddly enough, Arcuri's talents were not used to their full capacity while

playing for four years at Moore Catholic. "I didn't come close to the 1000 point mark in high school" she says. "My job was to be a role player and that role was to make sure that I got the ball to the tall players on the court." After having experienced only a part of her final year, this sportswriter must question the ability of her high school coach to spot tal-

ent. CSI Coach Gerry Mosley is more than glad that the spirit of his Captain was undaunted by stifling coaching during her high school career.

Like a true leader, Mia Arcuri does not only take what honors she earns, but seeks to give back what she has learned. Not only is she a student athlete, but also a coach for **THREE** teams. She is a coach for a 3rd and 4th grade girls' basketball team in the CYO league, the head coach for the JV Girls Basketball



passing." Arcuri finds that "It's exciting to watch them get better as the season goes along. Their confidence builds, both with themselves and their game."

and the assistant coach for the Girls' Varsity, both at Moore.

Coaching has not only been a growing experience for her, but also a chance to gain new insight to her game that players rarely realize while they are playing competitively.

For the 3rd and 4th graders, known as the Gidgets, Acuri finds that she "...has to teach them from the ground up - dribbling, lay-ups,

ach she plans on getting her master's degree in education after graduation and hopes ribto both teach and coach at Moore. If her present accomplishments are of any indication, Moore Catholic should be son sure that this student/athlete/coach/ leader/teacher-to-be should be the one who does not get away.

scream at the ref."

## Intramural Department Wins National Award

### By Matt Rosenwasser College Voice Staff Writer

Sonny Grasso, head of CSI's distinguished Intramural Department, was awarded the Greatest Participation Award by Fitness Week representatives for an awesome turnout in Fitness Week Activities by CSI students.

Danielle Gottesman, in a letter dated Dec. 14, 1990, stated that the award was being presented "...in honor of your school's outstanding percentage of participation in the program."

Fitness Week, which took place from October 22-25 and featured an array of

activities, was written up in *The College Voice* and the *SI Advance*.

The JV girls at Moore are "...older and

more experienced," said Acuri, "so I

work more on plays and offensive coor-

dination rather than the basics." Acuri

often sees herself in the freshmen and

sophomores of her team, for example in

struggling with referees. "I always tell

my girls not to yell at the ref., since it

only gets them nowhere at best, and a

technical (foul) at worst. In working

with them, I have learned to keep my

emotions in control during my games

when faced with a bad call and not

Acuri finds that there is "...great sat-

isfaction in teaching my kids" It is

perhaps a good omen of the future, as

Among the more notable events were the 2 mile run, the 1 mile walk, the World's Largest Aerobics Class, and an expansive amount of prizes and freebies. It was organized by Sonny Grasso and was an unequivocal success. Grasso was "...quite proud of the recognition that this award has brought to all those throughout the school who worked so hard to build Fitness Week into what it is today."

Fitness Week will be coming again in the fall semester so be sure to watch for it!

## Victors of Super Hoops Tourney

### By Matt Rosenwasser College Voice Staff Writer

The Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at CSI has whittled down the vast number of participants that turned out for the competition to the few and the proud champs.

Chief of CSI's Intramural Department, Sonny Grasso, announced the winners of the contest. The team, the Orangemen, is made up of Gartrell Wright, Kirk Staine and Brian McAdams. For emerging victorious in this fierce competition, the Orangemen will receive sport bags and t-shirts. Sonny Grasso stated that "..the whole (intramural) department is really proud of these guys and are confident that they will represent CSI with pride."

The next step in this national tournament for the Orangemen is Columbia University on March 9. There they will be competing with other local schools to earn the coveted right to play for the Regional Championships at the Brenden Byrne Arena prior to a New Jersey Nets game.

Our best wishes go with the Orangemen, the sole representatives of our school in this huge tournament.

## Ready for Summer : Volleyball Winners Released

### By Matt Rosenwasser

College Voice Staff Writer It may be the dead of winter right now, and summer may be something that is furthest from our minds. But the select few who survived as the victors from the Certs-Trident Volleyball 4-on-4 Volleyball Competition need not worry.

Ready to hit the sandy beaches when the time comes, Christine Schron, Gwen Carter, Craig Rorro, Derrick Castillo and Jude Finite came away from the stiff opposition to earn the position of representing CSI on April 6 at Princeton University against some of the best 4 person volleyball teams that surrounding schools have to offer.

Head of the CSI Intramural Department, Sonny Grasso, was extremely "...pleased with the way that the tournament worked out." Since the City is not a big place for pickup games of volleyball, he "...was worried that there would be zero turnout."

But under Grasso's fine direction, the tournament can be definitively called a superlative success. Well, it's guaranteed that at least some of us are ready for the summer!

# Bo Rains' Sports Den Women's Equality In Sports

### By Bo Rains

College Voice Correspondent I respect, admire and love women from all walks of life. From the housewives to the Dr. Jane Does' of the world, I tip my cap.

Women have amassed prestige and donated large contributions to society. It would be foolhardy to deny them their well-deserved accomplishments.

It is not my intention to do so.

The purpose of this article is not to demean the females of the globe, nor place them above their capabilities. In short, I'm attempting to be as objective as one could be, or as it should be.

The difficult question to answer is: What is women's equality in sports? To answer that question, I resort to the process of elimination. Let's start by defining equal, the key word in that question. Equal: *syn*-equivalent, even, match, compare. Equal: *adjective* agreeing exactly in value, quantity, or effect.

So if we said, "An American women's all star baseball team is equal to an American men's all star baseball team," doesn't that mean that the women's team has an equal chance to defeat the men's team? My answer is a resounding no.

Women are not equal and therefore they cannot beat the men. My answer would be the same whether they were playing the sport of basketball, football, hockey, volleyball, soccer, track & field, bowling, racquet ball, wrestling, horse racing, and whatever other meaningful sport I haven't listed.

Find me the woman athlete who can throw a 95 MPH fast ball. Who is the woman heavyweight that can be competitive in a championship bout against Mike Tyson or Evander Holyfield? Sound ridiculous? Where in hiding is the female quarterback that can oust Joe Montana or Dan Marino from their lofty perches? Is there a strong woman capable of hitting 40 home runs off major league pitching in a single season? Search for the gal who can steal 50 bases. Seek out a woman who could play like hockey stars Wayne Gretsky or Gordie Howe.

Start a hunt for a basketball playing woman the likes of a Magic Johnson or Michael Jordan. Discover the female jockey who will record as many horse race victories and derby winners as Willie Shoemaker or Eddie Arcaro.

The list is endless, but the results would be the same. Women competing against men, in the sports world, would be consumed (*Adjective*: devoured, polished off, put away, punished, wasted).

Let's put to sleep the idea that female athletes are equal to men in sports. Women competing and winning, with any degree of consistency, against men in sports will never come to pass.

As stated in my opening paragraphs, women are compatible to men in many areas of professionalism other than sports: in education, entertainment, science, engineering, medical, judicial, right on up to the government, women hold many impressive positions.

But when it comes to sports, women are fighting an uphill battle, one in which they cannot win. In the future, women may reach an average height of six feet, with average weight of 170 pounds, and the strength to match. But then men will be an average height of seven feet, with an average weight of 250 pounds, and will be stronger.

To score a victory in the Sports Battle of the Sexes, women must first defeat their toughest opponent to date — "Biological Destiny."



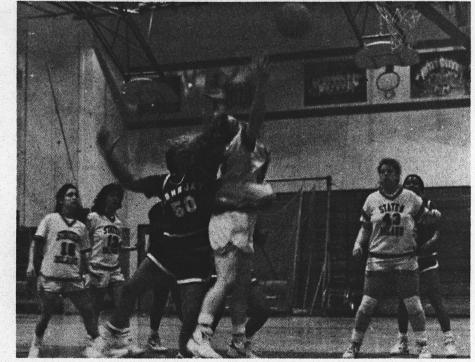
# Women Cagers Looking To Roar Into Playoffs

### By Matt Rosenwasser College Voice Staff Writer

The Women of the Boards, a.k.a. the CSI Women's Basketball Team, has been playing a superlative season against some of the top notch competition that CUNY and the Northeast has to offer. Led by the sagacity of head coach Gerry Mosley and his assistant Debra Sarlo, the Lady Dolphins are compiling a reputation based on adroitness and finesse rarely seen from other teams. Backed by a strong season of play, they are shooting to dominate the CUNY playoffs in late February.

After the season started, Mercy College transfer student April Owens joined the team and has powerblasted her way through all comers. Coach Mosley has put her at center, enabling Donya Ramsay and Florence Angelone to move to power forwards. With this fearsome threesome underneath on defense, they have been able to incapacitate other offenses piecemeal. Combined with the consistent scoring of Ramsay, Angelone and Captain Mia Acuri, the Dolphins have been decisively outplaying teams across the board. John Jay was humbled 58-38, Mount St. Vincent's was brushed aside 64-53 and York decimated 77-36.

The turning point in the second half of the season came with a nail-biting 65-64 victory against Hunter which put CSI in a first place tie in the CUNY Conference. Since then, the Women of the Boards have placed themselves in a position as a major contender for the CUNY title. Assistant coach Debbie Sarlo said that the team's higher performance is largely due to "good execution of the offense." Strong defense that is made of aggressive play and hustle have completed the equation. This is one sportswriter who thinks that soon the Women of the Boards will succeed in their takeover of the CUNY title.



Florence gets her shot off despite John Jays attempt to block it.

## Off The Bench Continued From page 28 -

just passing by, you see.

And what constitutes official practice? Is it limited to on field practice? Film watching? Lifting? Walking through new plays on the quad? It is not defined precisely, and that is intentional. A school cannot get punished for violating a rule that is not clear. Any inventive athletic department can get through that momentous ruling.

Another requirement now in effect is that all Division I schools have to make academic counseling and tutoring available to all recruited athletes. This one is, well, hilarious. To expect schools like Oklahoma and Nebraska to provide enough tutors to be anywhere near effective is ludicrous.

An easy way to get around this ruling is simply to provide the barest minimum, say one counselor and one tutor. Once these are provided for, tell the tutors to stay away and they'll still get paid for it. If these tutors were visible, they would distract the players with such things as schoolwork. Keep them out of sight, and the players would stay on top of their sport and away from their books. If accused, the coach could say that he made them available, of course, and the players could've used the services, but they voluntarily chose not to.

Athletic dormitories and sections of dormitories are to be eliminated by 1992. Hogwash. All the schools are going to do is take down the sign that says 'Sports Dormitory' or 'Sports Wing(Section)' and then just happen to assign all the athletes to one dorm or wing.

We'll assume for the sake of argument that the administration is indeed serious about this rule and does break up the athletes. In a few weeks, the members of the team will chose a group of rooms where they all want to live together.

There are, of course, the students who were assigned to those rooms. So, to eliminate that problem, the team members get together to harass and intimidate those whom they want removed. Anyone who does not comply will have their life made extremely difficult. Since those students getting evicted most likely are not all friends and do not have the esprit de corps that a sports team might have, they will eventually have to move. And since they are moving voluntarily there is nothing that the administration can do about it.

By the time the 1993-4 school year comes around, basketball teams will have to reduce the number of scholarships given out to 13 - down from 15. Football, by the 1994-5 year, will have 85, down from 95. An easy way to deftly avoid this ruling would be to provide 'financial aid' equivalent to a full scholarship. The Ivy League already does this to some extent, as they are not allowed to give out scholarships per se. Not that the reduction is anything to write home about.

Division I-Aschools, by Aug. 1992, must reduce their assistant coaching staffs by 1, from 9 to 8. Instead of firing that coach, they can turn him into a volunteer and simply do about \$25,000 worth of 'renovations' and feed it to their volunteer.

This next one is my favorite. This ruling requires that athletes entering their fourth year of school must have completed at least 50 percent of their degree requirements.

Hmmm...I'm not a math major, but if a student completes 50 percent of his degree requirements and he is entering his fourth year, that puts him precisely 1 year behind. And at that rate, he could be at the end of his fourth and last year of scholarship eligibility without enough credits for a degree. And if the registrar does not see enough credits for a degree, you don't get one. Sounds like someone is using that player and just leaving him out to dry.

Even when something that is passed is halfway meaningful, it is eventually defeated by the system. For example, last year's convention reduced the number of games from 28 to 25. This year, two of those games were restored. According to Richard Schulz, executive director of the NCAA, this was done because "The basketball coaches...gave the presidents examples (author's italics) of how they could drastically reduce time demands so it would take the athletes out of class less. With that type of assurance, the commission was willing to support legislation to add those two games back.

Examples of how they could! With an assurance! How about proof?! Revamped programs? Schulz is either a complete moron or he's getting some hefty sums under the table.

Roy Kramer, the commissioner of the Southeastern Conference stated, "This is a continuous a continuous process. We adjust, fine-tune and change, every year, little pieces of legislation that will improve some of the things we did this year." Translation : we will change little by little and eventually undue what the convention stated that would have cut into our corporations made of NCAA Division I athletes.

So now that I'm on my soapbox, it would be reasonable to expect me to propose some changes. Agreed. So here goes :

1) Abolish the Division I and II qualifications. Drop everyone down to Division III. Yes, that means NO scholarships. Why? So that the players who chose to play varsity sports at the college level will not be an investment by the college and can easily put their studies before their sports. They gain more control over their lives and their educations, which presumably is the reason why they are in college in the first place.

2) Prohibit the televising or radio broadcasting of any and all games. This takes out the money factor that is so prevalent today in the NCAA. If there is no money and national recognition on the line, abuses of the players and sport will end, since there is nothing in it for the college. Example : CBS is going to pay the NCAA \$1 billion to televise the basketball tournament through to 1997. Now tell me these players are not professionals or at least paraprofessionals.

3) Presently, to maintain eligibility,

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freshmen must earn a 1.6 GPA to remain eligible, seniors a 1.9. (Remember 2.0 is a C.) Raise that across the board to 2.5. If the athlete drops below that, remove the athlete from competition and all practice for one semester until he can raise his GPA to at least 2.5.

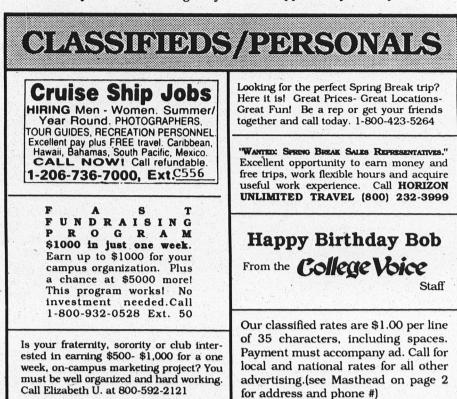
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Too harsh? No. A very serious problem exists in the NCAA right now and too many American citizens are getting hurt by them. The Federal Government **MUST** impose these reforms and make them stick. The time has come and things are bad enough that drastic measures must be taken.

If the NCAA can't play by the rules and make sure its athletes get out of college with solid educations and degrees, then the whole organization must be abolished or totally revamped and overhauled.

But many would say that the NCAA is just a reflection of what society wants. Perhaps. But then the problem lies much deeper than just with a national sports organization. But trashing the NCAA  $a^{-1}$  it is now would sure be good start.

The sports staff here at *The College Voice* are planning to start a seperate column for letters from sports enthusiasts. It will be called THE LOCKER. We would appreciate your responses.



# **Dolphins Moving In Right Direction**

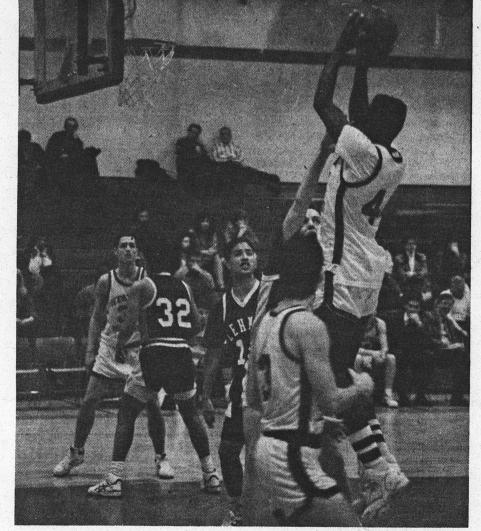
### By Robert Shaughnessy College Voice Staff Writer

CSI's men's basketball team showed some life in a 106-101 victory over the John Jay Bloodhounds. The win, which broke a three game losing skid, was placed by Fred Marinaccio, Tom Fricke, and Matt McQuillen, who each contributed over 20 point efforts.

The victory was a step in the right direction for the Dolphins, who have had their problems early on this season. One of the main problems seems to be the Dolphins' lack of height. Although the Dolphins' shooting has not been too far behind opponents' shooting percentages, they are often being out-positioned and out-rebound on both the offensive and defensive boards.

The Dolphins opened the year with an 82-78 loss to Upsala, and have posted an overall 4-9 record and a 2-3 record in CUNY. Their first victory of the year came on a 100-88 win over City College. Other results have included a loss to York by an 81-68 count and a strong showing in the Albany State holiday tournament. In Albany the Dolphins posted a win and dropped a tough two point overtime decision.

Upcoming games have the Dolphins gunning for CCNY on Feb. 11, Lehman on Feb. 13, and Kings Point on Feb. 15. All games are road games which will be followed by the CUNY tournament on Feb. 18, 20 and 22.



Voice Photo/ Bob Alessi A Lehman defender futilely attempts to block freshman phenom Demetrius Horne as he releases a jumper from outside the key.



-> The Jesse Owens International Trophy is an award given each year to an outstanding athlete from somewhere in the world who best personifies Olympic legend Jesse Owens. Among this year's 10 finalists were 10 Americans.

-> Duke and Tennessee are the only two college I-A teams to finish a regular season undefeated, untied and UNSCORED upon. Duke (9-0-0) did it in 1939 and Tennessee(10-0-0) was in 1940.

-> A new women's professional basketball league, the Liberty Basketball Association, will modify the heights of the rims, length of the court and the key, as well as the weight of the ball, in an effort to make women's pro basketball as exciting as men's. Lower baskets will enable women to dunk with the style and finesse of Spud Webb and Michael Jordan.

-> 23 Major League players are scheduled to earn \$3,000,000 or more for the upcoming season. So far, that is.

The US Freestyle Roller Skating Champions in 1990 were David DeMotte and Rechelle Hanson.

Guestion for all you sports fans : I am looking for a complete explanation as to what the single-wing offense is. Please leave explanations in room C-2 and address to Extra Points.

## **Off The Bench** NCAA Transcript Reads All F's

**By Matt Rosenwasser** College Voice Columnist

In early January, the NCAA voted certain changes into its organization which were intended to help reduce or eliminate abuses that exist in the world of big time college sports.

The changes were merely cosmetic and served only to keep the Justice Department off the NCAA's back - for the time being.

presidents were present at this convention. That supposedly gave the superficial changes more credence. But when one looks at the new rulings, it is found that they were made merely to placate those who see what is really

wrong with the system.

One of the great changes passed is the amount of time that teams can spend in official practice. It has been limited to 20 hours per week. That means four hours per day plus games.

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If you look carefully at that, there are many loopholes. One is the official practice time. Take a football team that practices and lifts for the full four hours. At the end, the captain suggests that everyone meet on the field for additional practice on their own. Everyone has to show, of course, and the coach and his staff happen to be passing by the field at that moment and kind of gives some advice for the next two hours. He was just Bench Continued on page 23

**Bo Rains' Sports Twisters** The Next Meeting of The "If You Have To Look It Up - You Don't Know The Answer" N.R. **College Voice** A. (Tom Watson) B. (Arnold Player) C. (Peter Thompson) 1. Name the first football coach to win divisional titles in both the NFL and the AFL 4. Who was the Womens 1990 French Open Tennis cham-A. (Vince Lombardi) B. (Sid Gilman) C. (Chuck Noll) 2. Which one of the following pro boxers became undis-puted middleweight champion of the world? A. (Gorilla Jones) B. (Willie the Worm Monroe) C. (Ernie the Rock plon A. (Mary DeBello) B. (Monica Seles) C. (Steffi Graf) 5. The 1969 NY Mets won their first National League Pennant by defeating which of the following teams in the playoffs? A. (Huston Astros) B. (Alanta Braves) C. (Cincinatti Reds) 6. Nicknamed "The Reading Rifle" he played for a NY major because because and won a batting title. Will be Wednesday, Durando) 3. Who was the only champion in the 20th century to win the Mens British Open Gulf Tourney title for three con-February 20 league basesball team and won a batting title At 1 PM secutive years? Fill in the missing letters below for answer. -Elections Will Be Held-THE SPORTS SCRABBLE Room # Will Be Posted F R At Our Office In C-2 **Newcomers Always Welcomed** ANSWERS: webpog ukiyood 'ogung ung a (a) y (a) y (a) to (y) z (a) i

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